



#### By HAIM SHAPERO and LIAT COLLINS

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Meanwhile, the IDF filed a threat strong complaiot with the security

#### suspended. Representatives of the American and However, Rabbi Gil Nativ, president of he Israel Rabbinical Assembly Israeli Reform and Conservative movements last night said they are unsure (Conservative), said the leaders of the whether they will agree to suspend their two movements would have to sit down, High Court peotions on conversion for perhaps with their lawyers, and discuss three months, in the hope that by then a all the various proposals, before they could say whether any offered a solution permanent solution to the issue could be

to the problem. The effort to reach a compromise imous agreement was reached for an inigained momentum as it became clear tiaove by MK Avraham Ravitz (United that Tsomet, Yisrael Ba'aliya, and the Torah Judaism) to freeze action on the Third Way all would break coalition disconversion bill, which says that only the cipline and vote against the bill on its Chief Rabbinate may validate conversecond and third readings. sions in Israel, if the petitions also are The Knesset Law Committee is sched-

uled to meet today to discuss the bill, with the participation of Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg and the non-Orthodox representatives.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday confirmed reports that he had canceled his planned visit to the US.

"I will do everything possible to find a compromise that will be acceptable to all sides," he told reporters.

Following a meeting with coalition chairman Michael Eitan and MKs Ze'ev Begin and Alex Lubotzky, Rahbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center, said that he and his colleagues were

impressed by the sincerity of those with whom they had met, but they are still unsure whether there was enough of a basis to go to the families whom they represented and say that there would be a solution.

"We can't just think of ourselves in this issue. We are representing families in which there is real human suffering," he said.

The hopes that a solution was on the way appeared to ebb following a meeting between the non-Orthodox rabbis and former Ashkenazi chief rabbi Avraham Shapiro, who told them in no uncertain terms that the Chief Rabbinate

is the only body in Israel which could authorize conversion.

The meeting had been heralded as a historic breakthrough, however it ended after only 20 minutes with the Reform and Conservative rabbis convinced that there was no basis for discussion.

Shapiro, who is considered to be one of the main spiritual mentors of the National Religious Party, told them that the supremacy of the Chief Rabbinate not only "discriminated" against the Reform and Conservative, but against many Orthodox groups which would like to conduct their own conversions.

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy

(NRP) told his faction that a public committee would be formed to find a compromise solution. This could take months or even a year, he said. Levy said that at present no compromise which had been raised was acceptable to the NRP.

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The faction decided that apart from MK Shaul Yahalom, who chairs the Law Committee, the NRP MKs will not meet with the non-Orthodox representatives. Yahalom said he is prepared to discuss any solution, as long as it preserves the status quo and the status of the Chief Rabbinate.

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### 15 Palestinians injured in Hebron riots Noam Amon.

#### By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH. ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, and JON IMMANUEL

Arafat ordered Morag riots,

troops and border policemen con-

tinued throughout the day. The rioting was less intense than

previous days, and once again the Palestinian Police did not inter-

coordination committee, accusing

the Palestinian Police and the

Palestinian Authority of oot pre-

venting Arabs from rioting around

Jewish settlements in the Gaza

The IDF complaint said the vio-

lations were particularly severe,

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The group consisted of Israeli ambassadors due to take up their post overseas who wanted to study One border policeman and 15 the situation close op," Arnon said, Palestinians were wounded yesteradding that the group also saw riotday in the third consecutive day of ing Palestinians and other violarioting in Hebroo. Clashes tions of the Hebron Accord. "The situation is explosive," he said. A PA security official defended between Palestinians and IDF

the Palestinian Police inaction by saying, "We will not kill people in the streets just because the Israeli government did not pay what it

was supposed to pay." PA Brig. Samir Siksek, deputy chairman of the joint security committee said, said at a seminar on Extremism and Democracy under the auspices of the Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information: "There is a limit to our power. If you crush your citizens, they are oo longer obliged to fulfill any laws." In Gush Katif, Palestinians accompanied by members of the media broke into the Avraham farm opposite Netzer Hazani at ocon. According to Gush Katif spokesman Shlomo Kostiner, the Palestinians tore down the fence surrounding the farm that contains hundreds of dunams of agricultural plots tended by Gush Katif residents. Kostiner said the Palestinians damaged hothouses and uprooted vegetables. He added the Palestinian Police of ignoring when IDF troops arrived they pushed the Palestinians off the farm. The IDF Spokesman said that troops arrived almost immediately and fired rubber bullets and tear gas pellets to disperse the rioters. The Spokesman said the Palestinians damaged crops and hothouses and during the clashes a Gush Katif resident fired shots into the air, but no one was injured. However, Palestinians claimed the resident shot a 25-year-old Palesóoian man in the leg. He was hospitalized in Khan Yunis with moderate injuries, they said.



## **PM** said looking to dump Meridor

By SARAH HONIG, AMOTZ ASA-EL, and DAVID HARRIS

sidered Netanyahu's least favorite minister. He was appointed only after pressure by Begin, when the

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e and south caller did # agreements to subdue the riots, the a method, ist said the f army said. a perior The second of Alles Is Spokesman, stones, firebombs, and the second sec and a homemade pipe bomb were thrown at IDF troops and border policemen in Hebron yesterday. Brints

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The spokesman said one Remain and the second of the second s Palestinian was arrested and detained for questioning. At noon OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and OC

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Judea and Samaria Maj-Gen. Gabi Ophir visited the area. At the same ome, a delegation from the Foreign Ministry toured the area with Hebron community spokesman

A border policeman grabs a Palestinian youth around the neck and arrests him for throwing rocks during clashes in Hebron yesterday. One border policeman and 15 Palestinian rioters were injured.

### Barak plans to send team to London to study Blair's style

#### By SARAH HONIG

S 444 and the strengthe Labor Party leader Ehud Barak plans to send a team of experts to Britain to learn the secret of Prime Minister Tony Blair's success.

Barak explained that he hopes "to find out what it was that Blair did to rehabilitate the British Labor Party and to bring it back to power. I would like to make use of his experience and to employ his methods here."

Barak said that he has not ruled out the possibility of renaming his party, as Blair did with his party. Barak said he is seriously considering changing the name to "the New Labor

Party." "This may have a psychological significance, though 1 am aware that a name isn't everythiog and that the really impor-



tant thing is the substance of the message. But even oames and appearances have their impor-

tance," he said. Both positive and negative reactions flowed in from Labor MKs. Nissim Zvilli, who resigoed on Sunday as party secretary-geoeral, said he thinks that "the notioo of a new name for the party is altogether superfluous. It is the same party and it smells the same no matter what

you call it. "What is important is that the party be rehabilitated and that it get closer to the grass roots, instead of doing what was done when the Histadrut was called the 'New Histadrut.' That did not generate an outpouring of enthusiasm for the Histadrut."

But Yossi Beilin said that "a new name might not be a bad idea. It would embody the fact that we are dealing with an old established party, which has contributed so much to this country and yet which seeks to renew and revitalize itself and makes itself relevant once more.

### Soldier killed, three others wounded in Lebanon

#### By DAVID RUDGE

Fighting continued in south Lebanon yesterday, following the explosion in the security zone on Sunday night which damaged a Merkava tank, killing Staff-Sgt. Ya'acov Algamis and wounding

three other soldiers. Algamis, 20, of Jerusalem, of the Givati Brigade, was buried at the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery yesterday evening. He died while being evacuated

by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, after a two-hour rescue operation to extricate the casual-

ties from inside the tank. Two of the wounded were released after treatment at the hospital, but the third was detained. He was reported to be suffering from light injuries.

The incident occurred in the security zone's western sector. Initial inquiries by Northern Command revealed that the tank ran over two mines which damaged its treads, although there was no penetration of its armor. The mines also may have been connected to a large explosive device which also detooated, addiog to the shock of the blast.

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north of the security zone.

The shock wave also caused the casualties among the soldiers aboard the tank and prevented them from getting out because

#### US may target Hizbuliah drug trade, Page 3

both the turret and the rear door were stuck.

The rescue operations took two hours, during which a doctor and medic managed to get an infusion to Algamis and speak to the other soldiers. It wasn't until another tank deliberately struck the cannon of the damaged tank and moved it, however, that rescuers were able to reach them. OC Lebanon Brig.-Gen. Eli Amitai said it was the first time

in his experience that both access points to a tank were jammed in this fashion.

He stressed that the rescue operation had been mounted quickly, but there had been great outpost in the zone's eastern secdifficulties in reaching Algamis, tor. There were no casualties.

The latent discord between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor took center stage yesterday, with speculation rife that Netanyahu is seeking to trigger Meridor's resignation.

Late last night, Meridor cancelled a trip to the United States for talks with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan as he, Netanyahu and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel were locked in debate over proposed currency exchange reforms which would potentially include, in addioon to a foreign exchange reform, budgetary correction, and an interest rate cut.

The speculation over Meridor's future was heightened by Netanyahu's very emphatic refusal to comment about a possible cabinet reshuffle.

"I have absolutely no intendon of gening into this," Netanyahu told reporters at the Knesset.

When asked whether he gives Meridor's performance high marks, he stated that he will absolutely not hand out marks to anyone."

h is rumored that Netanyahu would like to see Meridor out of his government, and possibly replaced by Ariel Sharon. Sharon's National Infrastructure portfolio, according to this scenario, could then be handed over to Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi,

whose portfolio would be restored "When it became clear that to Ya'acov Ne'eman. there were casualties, the rescue Moreover, if Meridor leaves, the force got to the scene very quicktotal number of ministers would ly, but operation took a long time still stand at 17, thus making it possible for Netanyahu to co-opt because the two access points were jammed. It took about two one more minister to take over the hours until we managed to extriscience portfolio vacated by Ze'ev cate the casualties," said Amitai. Begin. The law curreotly limits the number of ministers to 18. MK There were two mines, which is Sylvan Shalom is the chief concalled a sandwich, and possibly a very powerful explosive shock tender for the science portfolio. device as well. The matter is still Meridor always has been congovernment formation process was at its height. Meridor has since become a constant dissenting voice, most notably during the Bar-On Affair.

Despite the reported bad blood between the two, the prevailing opinion around Netanyahu is that he cannot fire Meridor. This would incur the wrath of such ministers as Limor Livnat and get Netanyahu into too much political hot water. He can make life in the government more difficult for Meridor, but Likud insiders do not think that Meridor can easily be goaded into quitting. Meanwhile, at the fifth annual

Caesarea economic conference. Netanyahu said there will be virtually no foreign currency restrictions by this ome next year. The conference is attended by the country's economic elite, under the auspices of the Israel Democracy Institute.

Netanyahu stopped short of casting the deciding vote in the ongoing dispute between the Treasury and Bank of Israel, though he promised to do so imminently.

"In about a year, we will go from situation where everything is forbidden unless said otherwise, 10 a position where everything is permitted except for a certain relatively small number of specifics," he said.

Before Netanyahu's speech both Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky urged him to bold an all-embracing cabinet debate on the economy before announcing any changes.

In a letter to Netanyahu, Sharansky urged, "in the most emphatic way, that no such steps be implemented unul a dialogue is held with the participation of the relevant ministers, the Bank of Israel governor, and industry representatives."

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NEWS

### in brief

**UN cancels Israel mission** 

The UN yesterday said it was cancelling a planned mission to Israel to discuss construction in eastern Jerusalem because of what is called unacceptable conditions imposed by Israel. "The restrictions imposed on the scope of the mission by the government of Israeli were not acceptable to the UN," spokesman Fred Eckhard said. UN sources said Israel wanted no reference to the resolution demanding an immediate halt to Har Homa in the talks with Israeli officials, and any discussions the UN envoy would have with officials outside the Israeli government, such as Palestinians, could not be included in the report. Reuter

#### Wife: suspected land dealer didn't kill himself

The wife of a suspected Palestinian land dealer yesterday denied he committed suicide and said he was beaten in Palestinian custody. Hakam Kamhawi, 57, died Sunday in a hospital in Ramaliah.

A Palestinian security official has said Kamhawi apparently killed himself. However, Kamhawi's wife, Ansaf, said her hus-band had no reason to take his own life. "He would never have committed suicide," she said. "I saw his body. It showed signs of lorture."

#### Islamic groups win Al-Quds University poll

Hamas and Islamic Jihad lists easily defeated the PLO-affiliated Faiah in elections for the Al-Quds (Jerusalem) University student council. The Islamic lists joindy won about 61 percent of the vote at the Palestinian university's nine campuses, compared to 34% for Fatah and 5% for the Democratic and Popular fronts. About 2.200 students study at the university. Itim

### Indyk meets with Levy in bid to get talks moving

#### By JAY BUSHENSKY

US concern that Egyptian mediation failed to reactivate the peace talks with the Palestinians track brought Ambassador Martin Indyk to the Foreign Ministry yesterday, signalling another American bid to break the deadlock.

Foreign Minister David Levy had little if any time to prepare for Indyk's unexpected arrival. Nor did he or his guest make any public statement when they parted.

The US had pinned its hopes on Egyptian presidential adviser Osama el-Baz' mission as a potential prelude to the resumption of negotiations. But this prospect appears unlikely in view of the Palestinians' assessment of his mission as a total failure.

Indyk's visit came less than 24 hours after Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafal's commented, reportedly in the presence of MK Shimon Peres, that the Egyptians are not succeeding in their effort.

Other Palestinian sources said the Egyptians, including President

### will not be tolerated by his gov-ernment. "That is what has changed," he said.

Netanyahu contended that under the previous government, "there was an inflation of expectations" among Palestinians, to the extent that they contemplated their early return to Jaffa, Acre, and other pre-1948 Arab population centers. He said they anticipated Israel's return to the 1949 armistice lines; division of Jerusalem into two capitals; and partial if not total implementation of the "right to return." Proceeding with his parallel

contacts with regional leaders, the European Union's peace envoy. Miguel Moratinos, had a one-onone session with Levy that lasted half an hour. Levy briefed him on the current status of the peace process. Moratinos was scheduled to see Arafat afterward, then leave for Syria.

A Foreign Ministry source said Moratinos has been dealing with the Palestinian and Syrian tracks simultaneously. The update by Levy was timed to coincide with the start of a major EU conference in Amsterdam today. Authoritative Israeli sources anticipated a relatively mild resolution, largely due to Moratinos' input. He is due to confer with President Hafez Assad in Damascus tomorrow. He will be one of the first foreign emissaries to meet the Syrian leader since Romania's Foreign Minister Adrian Severin told Levy that Romania is willing to host Camp David style peace talks between Israel and Syria. Syria has not reacted publicly to the proposal.

## **PM: Arafat ordered Morag riots**

#### By LIAT COLLINS

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat gave the green light for the recent disturbances in Morag, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu charged yesterday. "There was a clear set of instructions a few days ago in Gaza for the violence that tonk place. I can't tell you about Hebron, but 1 can tell you that the Palestinian Police have refrained from acting against the violence on the Palestinian side," Netanyahu said as he left the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. "] think that what is required right now is the sbunning of violence and a return to the negotiat-

ing table. We are engaged in the

process with Egyptian assistance,

and of course US assistance, to try to resume the negotiations for peace and security between us and the Palestinians. The Palestinian side should put its efforts there, not in violence," he said.

On the threat of war with Syria, he said: "We don't see any new indications or signs of impending war. This doesn't mean that we don't watch. We hope that Syria will enter the course of peace - this is our desire - and we hope that this will be facilitated by the US.

"As for our policy in Lebanon, it is to protect the northern border. It is not to occupy an inch of that country's soil. Unfortunately, we are unable to reach an agreement with Hizbullah to stop attacking our northern border, and therefore we are there as long as no other

arrangement is possible." According to an official briefing, Netanyahu told the committee: "The PA is under pressure and

in trouble." He said that the Palestinians bad expected pressure to be placed on Israel from all quarters, but this has not bappened. He said that for the past three weeks there have been high-level mediation. "The mediation is businesslike,

positive, and not intended to put pressure on Israel. The is a practical search for ways to rekindle the process."

He noted that instead of the pressure on Israel that the Palestinians expected, the US Congress is threatening to cut aid to the PA. "The murders of the land dealers have also made a bad

impression in the US," he said. The PA has two choices, he said, violence or dialogue. "I see the Palestinians are at the turning point," Netanyahu said.

He said the Palestinians "are cautious about directly fanning the flames of terror, because they know the response from both Israel and the international community will be harsh."

Netanyahu said he had not presented or drawn up any maps on the permanent arrangements. The whole subject is at the height of discussions in the security cabinet, and even at the end of them I'm not sure I will draw up a map. I also don't believe I have to say what the

ployment will be," be said.

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He said the first further rede-

ployment has not yet been implemented because the Palestinians are not abiding by all their commitments under the agreement.

Later, MK Ehud Barak in his first meeting with the Labor faction as party bead, said that Netanyahu's "amateurish and misleading policies" are leading to war with Syria, armed intifada with the Palestinians, and isolation in the world.

He said if Syria does not think it can gain anything by negotiations, it will start the countdown to armed conflict. He said had no doubt Israel would be able to win, but it would cause heavy casualties, "and then we'll bury our dead and go back to the negotiating table. To discuss what? The same things we could discuss today."

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### Morag residents plan new neighborhood

### By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Charging the IDF has not lived up to its promise to dismantle protest tents set up by Palestinians, irate Morag settle-ment members and Gush Katif residents last night laid a cornerstone for a new neighborhood next to the Palestinian tents.

We were told the IDF would dismantle the tents on Sunday," said Shivi Elon, a resident of Morag. "There are at least 10 tents on our land." Elon said Morag residents are

not interested in provoking violence, but are frustrated that the Palestinians remain on their land and nothing is being done. "Armed Palestinian Police mingle with the protesters, guiding them and telling them what to

do," be said. Morag bas been the scene of violence and tension over the past weeks, with rioting last Thursday. The crux of the matter is a fence surrounding the Morag hothouses, which the Palestinians claim was erected on their land.

The IDF denies the claim, but in protest the Palestinians have torn down the fence on several occasions and set up tents in protest.

### Hassan: US must be more aggressive

#### By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan yesterday called on the US to adopt a more aggressive role in the Israeli-

that a leading policy forum, the Council on Foreign Relations, released a report calling for greater American involvement in the peace talks, leading to a declaration of principles for a final-status agreement. According to the CFR report, the

new DOP should culminate in an

accord for a demilitarized

Palestinian state possessing terri-

torial contiguity; security arrange-

needs; the uprooting of a mini-mum of Israeli settlers; and agreed

upon Palestinian "functional"

The study was produced over

the past year by a task force con-

sisting of leading think-tank fig-ures and former administration

officials. It aims to discard what

the organizers call the failed

incremental foundations of the

and to reveal how it wants a final

agreement to look, while not

Manufacturers' Association pres-ident Dan Propper) issued a

The bureau called for a pro-

The central bank has repeated-

imposing the solution itself.

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Oslo process.

## The IDF Spokesman said last night the matter is being investigated.

Gusb Katif spokesman Shlomo Kostiner said approximately 100 Gusb Katif residents joined members of Morag at the site demanding the Palestinians leave the settlement.

Meanwhile, Palestinian and Israeli security officials met over the weekend in an effort to resolve the Morag situation. Palestinians say the disputed fence forced them to make a twokilometer detour to get to the Sufa crossing and their jobs.

According to a senior source, an agreement was reached where the Palesinians living in the area would be allowed to pass freely through Jewisb-controlled land and the Palestinians would remove their protest tents.

But the Palestinians did not stand by their agreement and the tents were not removed, the source said. They even damaged a section of the fence, but the IDF quickly repaired it, be said. The source accused the Palestinians of busing in demonstrators in order to keep the conflict going.

They want to create pressure points, to take a local problem and make it a big deal," the source said.

#### Capital demonstration

A border policeman keeps watch yesterday over several dozen Palestinians demonstrating opposite the US Consulate in Jerusalem over last week's vote by Congress recognizing the undivided city as Israel's capital.



Hosni Mubarak, have been exerting "heavy pressure" on Arafat to stamp out corruption in the PA, warning that he will face grave consequences if this is not done.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu did not appear worried about the glonmy outlook which has become pervasive among the Palestinians. Addressing an elite economic forum in Caesarea, he said it will be possible to go on with the peace process only if there is a total cessation of terrorism. He warned that terrorist attacks

Palestinian crisis, saying the current standoff is "dangerous and threatening" and could lead "to the collapse of all our endeavors and achievements thus far." "I don't think that time is on our

side. I don't think time is on the side of peace," Hassan told the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "And I do feel that the concept of American facilitation should evolve into a concept of American engagement with the parties, to bridge that gap between [Israeli] security anxi-etics on the one side and legiti-mate [Palestinian] political aspirations on the other. Hassan is in Washington this

week to participate in the regular trilateral economic talks with the US and Israel. He might also meet with President Bill Clinton. His comments came the same day

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#### Poll: Palestinians want new gov't The lack of confidence in the cab-

inet does not necessarily reflect lack

#### By JON IMMANUEL

A majority of Palestinians would ments taking into account Israel's support a move to bring down the Palestinian Authority government over corruption charges, a poll indicated yesterday.

The Nablus-based Palestinian Center for Research and Studies on June 5-7 asked 1,317 interviewces whether they would support a motion of no-confidence by the PA legislative council in light of the PA auditor's report (which said \$323 million of an \$866m. budget was wasted.) The response was 52 percent yes

and 32% no, with the remainder At its core, the report calls on the US to reexamine its policy of undecided. intervening only at crisis points,

In Gaza, which is the seat of the PA executive, the response was 59% yes, 32% no, and the rest undecided.

sees this as a long-term objec-

tive, it has so far been unwilling

to set a deadline for such a move.

Ten months ago the central bank

handed its recommendations for

liberalization to the Treasury. But

there bas been no evidence of the

two sides reaching a compromise

Netanyahu stressed that both

Frenkel and Meridor agreed there

was a need to come to an early settlement of the dispute.

of confidence in Chairman Yasser Arafat, but in a separate question the chairmanship received a 68% good and very good vote, compared with 79% in a PCRS poll two months ago. The security services received an equal reduction in support.

This lower esteem was marked by particular incidents. For example, the way the PA handled a teachers' strike by arresting the leaders and demanding they return to work earned the PA a 27% good or very good evaluation. More than four-fifths of those asked expressed an opinion, which is interesting because very little information about the strike was available in the Palestinian media, indicating that censorship

is not an effective way to suppress news or influence public opinion. A majority of 75% demanded that the PA permit TV broadcasts, of legislative council debates, which ended when private broadcaster Daoud Kuttab was arrested. Only 46% had a good opinion of the council's performance, and 42% said they appreciated it more after seeing the broadcasts.

Support for the peace process has increased from a low of 60% in April to 68%

The number of those who said they support no particular political faction increased from 29% to 36%, almost equalling Fatah, which stayed at 41%. Support for Hamas dropped from 10% to 8%. The poll had a 3% margin of

error.

deeply mourns the untimely passing of **Mayor YITZHACK (Ijo) RAGER** of Beersheba A distinguished leader, our partner, with a love of Beersheba and the Negev, and a vision of hope for the future We extend our sincere condolences to Bracha and the family

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**Boston Chapter of Hadassah** The officers, board members, staff and friends of the Boston Chapter of Hadassah mourn the passing of

#### NATHAN RICHMAN

May his loved ones be comforted with all the mourners of Zion. Surely, his memory will be for a blessing.

**PNAI - Parents of North American Israelis** mourns the loss of its former president

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and extends sincere condolences to his family

statement showing clear support for Meridor. Throughout the day delegates at the conference were to be seen gram that will lead to economic in heated discussions, before progrowth, including foreign currenclaiming their support for either cy liberalization. the Netanyahu-Frenkel or ly called for the abolition of for-Meridor camps. Following its emergency discussion, the conreign exchange controls, leading dinating bureau of economic organizations (headed by eventually to a fully convertible shekel. While the Treasury also

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At the Yisrael Ba'aliya meeting on the issue, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said his party would support any suggestion which avoided the need for the legislation. Eitan also met with Labor fac-

tion leaders and invited them to join the effort to find a solution. He said the issue affected the

ARRIVALS

Additional arrivals for Bar flan University's Global Board of Trastees Meetings and Jew-ish Identity Leadership Mission. ILS.A.: Mr. Harry and Mrs. Aimee Cederbaum; Mr. An-thony and Mrs. Jalie Goschalk: Mrs. Fella Cederbaum, GERMANY: Mr. and Mrs. Sa-muel Cederbaum; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Eisebleum; Mrs. Biche Genetic

aum; Mrs. Rivka Gercek.

whole Jewish People and is not would be recognized. just a coalition matter. Labor faction chairman

Ra'anan Cohen is scheduled to meet with the non-Orthodox representatives today. The caucus of MKs from reli-

gious parties met with five rabbinical court presidents, who warned them against taking steps toward the Conservative and Reform, saying the next stage would be that the non-Orthodox would demand that marriages they offi

The director of the Chief Rabbinate, Gedalya Schreiber, and its legal advisor, Menabem Yanovsky, boycotted a meeting between the non-Orthodox rabbis and State Attorney Elyakim Rubinstein and his senior staff.

over these plans.

The boycoti came after the Chief Rabbinical Council yesterday passed a resolution, its first official statement on the issue, calling on the government and the Knesset to

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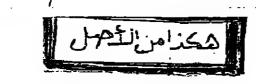
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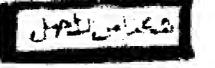
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Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky (r) yesterday greets Rabbi Jerome Epstein (l), executive vice president of the Conservative Movement's United Synagogue of America and Rabbi Reuven

Hammer, head of its Rabbinical Assembly of Israel, here to lobby against the conversion bill. [Flash 90]

IN CONTEXT / HERB KEINON **Mothers of soldiers in Lebanon** 

## **Non-Jewish spouses** forced to leave country while marriages checked

#### By BATSHEVA TSUR

Dozens of mixed marriages have not been recognized by the Interior Ministry and non-Jewish spouses have been forced to leave the country for an unspecified period, because of a change in ministry policy, civil rights advocates said yesterday.

In several cases where spouses are not registered as Israeli citizens, they are living without elementary social benefits, such as health coverage, they said. These include women in advanced stages of pregnancy, who have no medical care for lack of funds to pay for private doctors.

Senior ministry officials say in response that, due to the large

number of "marriages of conve- Association for Civil Rights in nience," they have been forced to change the policy whereby non-Jewish spouses are registered as immigrants under the Law of Return, with accompanying bene-

The High Court of Justice yesterday issued a show-cause order to the ministry, instructing it to explain within 45 days why it had not registered three such marriages in the Population Registry. Justice Eliyahu Mazza also issued an interim injunction preventing the ministry from banishing abroad the three non-Jewish spouses, while it investigates whether or not their marriages were genuine.

The court was responding to a petition submitted by the

Israel on behalf of three couples who were married abroad. All applied to have their marriages

registered here and to get Israeli citizenship. Arguing on behalf of the petition-ers, ACRI lawyer Anai Scolnicov said that the non-Jewish spouses are entitled to Israeli citizenship under the Law of Return. While the ministry has the right to eheck into marriages of convenience, she said until now such persons had been granted temporary residence permits while the matter was being checked.

Under the new ministry policy, the non-Jewish spouse apparently has to leave the country as a condition for its looking into the mai-

Two other similar petitions, involving new immigrants who married non-Jewish women abroad, are also awaiting High Court hearings.

Meretz Party lawyer Marina Hefetz vesterday requested that the court give priority to a petition on behalf of a non-Jewish woman in her eighth month of pregnancy whose husband earns a minimum wage and who is not registered as his spouse. She is not entitled to any benefits and has no health insurance.

There are numerous other cases of such hardship, spokesmen for Meretz and ACRI said yesterday, and further petitions are being prepared.

## Frantic search for conversion compromise

"Cease-fire," "an agreed upon solution," "an agreement that will last a long time," "national consensus." These expressions, generally used to the context of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, were heard yesterday relating to negotiations over the conversion **Ьปี**ไ

Coalition chairman Michael Eitan has even become a kind of Dennis Ross, shuttling between the sides in search of an opening: Now meeting with a delegation of Conservative and Reform rabbis, then meeting with Labor Party representatives; now with the National Religioos Party, then with Yisrael Ba'ahya. Eitan's job is, before June 30, to

come up with a compromise. between the Orthodox and non-Orthodox camps that would obviate the need for a law on conver-

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Michael Eitan (Iseac Haran)

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sion after marrying an Israeli, and asked the Interior Ministry to reg-

ister her as a lew. The court, in a complex decision, said it was asked to rule wbether the state's reasons for not registering her were wrong, not whether Reform conversions are valid. And, indeed, it ruled that the state's reasoning was invalid, giving de facto recogniooo to Reform conversions. But it stopped short of explicitly recognizing oon-Orthodox conversions, saying this should be decided by the Knesset.

A Knesset committee was established, and there were proposals for legislation both to validate and invalidate Reform conversions. They moved nowhere.

Because the Knesset did not act, the petition to the High Court on the conversion of the babies was

ognize these adoptions, drew up the conversion bill, which was government's guidelines. The sec-

#### By DAVID RUDGE

Mothers of sons serving in the security zone in Lebanon yesterday called on the government to "seriously discuss" ways of solving the Lebanon problem and pulling the 1DF out.

"The death of another soldier in south Lebanon on Sunday night is further sad proof of the need to do something quickly," said Miri Sela, one of the founders of a group pressing for the withdrawal of the IDF from what she called the "Lebanese morass."

She said the group, founded two months ago by four mothers, now has hundreds of activists throughout the country, including many fathers and young people "both those before and after anny service."

"We have already gathered thousands of signatures of people supporting our campaign and we plan 36.

to hold a meeting of activists soon to plan our next steps," said Sela, a resident of Kibbutz Mahanayim

repeat call for IDF pullout

in the Upper Galilee. "We also intend to set up a lobby in the Knesset and mobilize the support among left and right wingers who don't agree with the policies over south Lebanon and the present situation there. We intend to shatter the lie that nothing can be done," she said.

Masha Sheindorf, of Haifa, whose son has already completed two tours of duty in south Lebanon, said their hearts went out to the family of the soldier who was killed, along with their condolences.

The problem is that those who don't have sons in Lebanon don't know what it's like. Every time I hear the planes going over, even at night, or I hear that there have been exchanges, 1 immediately switch on the radio to try and find out

what's going on," said Sheindorf, "I joined the campaign not just for the sake of our own son, but for the others serving there or who will serve in Lebanon in the

future, and their families. "We support our son while he's there and we realize it is not an easy problem to solve, but soluoons can and should be found to end the status quo that has existed for over 15 years and has cost so much," she added.

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan, in an interview with Israel Radio yesterday, maintained, however, that there are no easy answers. "Every mother is concerned for her son, but there are other mothers' sons we have to protect and they live in Kiryat Shmona, Ma'alot, Rosh Hanikra and

Avivim," said Eitan. "What would those mothers say if the terrorists returned because we were no longer in Lebanon? The forces they [terrorists] are trying to use against us are hitting the IDF and the SLA instead of the [Galilee] communides.

"But that's the task of the army to protect the residents and ensure that the children can go to kindergarten safely," said Eitan.

President Ezer Weizman said he could not support the mothers' group, because the conflict in Lebanon is "not simple."

There's a general staff, there's a Defense Ministry, and there's a government, and they will decide," he said, while visiting with Staff-Sgt. Shai Samiya, who was wounded in Sunday's incident in Lebanon and is in Haifa's Rambam Hospital. "It's not easy to say, but we've been through tougher times, like at the Suez Canal and in the Jordan Valley." Itim contributed to this report.

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The first, in 1995, was brought by Eliyani Goldstein, a Brazilian movement at Kibbutz Hanaton, who underweot a Reform conver-

ond clause of the guidelines deal ing with state and religion reads: "The Law of Conversion shall be changed so that cooversions to Judaism in Israel will be recognized only if approved by the Chief Rabbinate."

In the meantime, the state has asked for a number of postponements of the court case, so that the Knesset to either pass the bill, or for a compromise to be reached the state needs some kind of policy to take before the bench. The court made it clear in its last hearing on the matter in May that June 30 is the final deadline.

#### By STEVE RODAN

The US is considering an offensive against Hizbullah to destroy its huge drug and counterfeiting network, that exports heroin, yesterday. "Everybody familiar cocaine, and forged dollars there and into other Western states, offi-

cials say. They say drug money plays a major role in the financing of Hizbullah's military campaign against Israel and terrorist operations abroad.

"You can trace the drugs that are pouriog into America from Hizbullah, Lebanon, and Syria," a senior official said.

There is no doubt of Hizbullah involvement in drug production," Dep.-Crndr. Shrnuel Narkis, head of special operations in the Internal Security Ministry, told the Knesset War on Drugs Committee

with Lebanon knows this." The proposed US campaign would involve American pressure on Iran, Lebanon, and Syria - all which cooperate with of Hizbullah's drug and counterfeiting network.

"It is important to recruit the West and the US in this war [against Hizbullah]," Col. Reuven Erlich, deputy government coordinator for Lebanoo, told the War on Drugs Committee yesterday. "Hizbullah has euough money from this [drug] prodoction to nourish the organization. There is apparently a connection between drugs and terror. This assumption begins in South America. Lebanon must be tested in a precise way."

imports from Colombia, Peru, The assertion is shared by US Brazil and other countries poppies security officials, sources say, who and chemicals needed to produce dispute the 1996 State Department cocaine. The Lebanese are assisted by emigrants in these countries. report on international drug trafficking. That report praised the governments of Lebanon aod In addition, these Lebanese dealthe Bekaa Valley, while

ratories, which "are located in duce neroin. The drugs are then manufacareas generally controlled by [elements] of Hizbullah and would tured in laboratories in the Bekaa require a large and concentrated Valley and exported by air or sea effort to root them [out]."

Western intelligence sources say

the drug route for Hizbullah and

its Lebanese and Syrian allies

or through Syria, which sources say serves as a transit station for Israeli officials say the country both incoming and outgoing drugs, as well as providing prois being flooded with Hizbullahproduced drugs, although the country is not the main target of tection for the drug traffic. the Lebanese group. These drugs Israeli sources esumate the profmake their way through Israel to its from this trade at billions of

Egypt and North Africa. "Israel is actually only a small dollars a year. They say the Syrians alone rake in \$1b. a year part of the comprehensive in what has become a large ele-Hizbullah policy of exportiog drugs," Erlich said. "The [Hizbullah] intendon is primarily ment in supporting its economy and enriching those loyal to President Hafez Assad. to flood the West and the US. But In addition to drugs, the Syrians, for us, this is a flood in light of the great demand for drugs within Israeli society."

Lebanese, and Hizbullah cooperate in counterfeiting Western currencies. The quality of the forgeries is considered high due to the US printing equipment giveo to Iran during the Shah's reign in the 1970s and later transferred to the Bekaa Valley.

The intelligence sources say Iran is also involved in counterfeiting large quanories of dollars, marks, and French and Swiss francs. The US Secret Service, responsible for US currency, is said to be alarmed by this development and has estab-lished a permanent office in Cyprus to monitor the manufacture and shipment of forged dollars.

### **IDF** moving administrative detainees from Megiddo Prison

#### By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The IDF is scaling down Megiddo Prison, its last detention center holding Palestinian prisoners, and has already transferred difficult cases to Prisons Service . installations.

Provost Marshall Brig.-Gen. Niram Goldbroom said that over 120 administrative detainees were transferred last week. In return, Megiddo Prison took in an equal number of Palestinian security prisoners, who are considered more easily integrated into the prison. Goldbroom, speaking to military reporters on a rare tour of the army papers. They also are allowed

prison, said this agreement was sought by the IDF because administrative detainees are considered a pressure group" and the IDF has a policy of not mixing them with regular prisoners. The IDF has also spent over NIS 1 million to renovate electricity and plumbing around the Mandate-era structure. Rioting Palestinian prisoners burned down seven tents there last March, but prison warden Lt-Col. Shmuel Elbaz said things have been relatively quiet since. The 592 Palestinians prisoners kept there today have washers and dryers, televisions, radios, and news-

periodic family visits. "The conditions are not io

exchange for quiet, but they get them because they deserve it," Goldbroom said.

Sitting behind rolls of concerti-na barbed-wire, groups of Palestinian prisoners in their twenties paced np and down or were engaged in animated discussions, seemingly oblivious of the reporters. Some two-thirds of the prisoners ideotify with Hamas and there is constant pressure on the others to join its ranks.

Maj. Ofer, the prison intelligence officer, displayed a collection of home-made knives, razors,

torches, and other weapons confis-cated from prisoners. They also made fake rifles, he said, to disguise themselves as soldiers in an escape attempt.

Ofer said the prisoners are known to give lessons in various topics, such as weapons preparauon and organization, but that IDF policy is not to halt it.

"They have lessons, but you can't stop it. You can move in on one group and they just start up in another tent," Ofer said. "Sometimes we idenofy the leaders and remove them or transfer them to other prisons, so they don't accumulate too much power."

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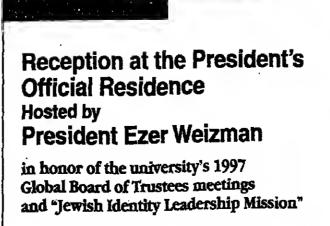
#### By HAIM SHAPERO

Everyone knows that chief rabbis come in pairs, Ashkenazi and Sephardi, but now there is a proposal before the Chief Rabbinical Council to change all that, and have only one chief rabbi, at least in towns and cities.

At present, every town and city has two cbief rabbis, unless the community is very small and has a population which is almost entirely either Ashkenazi or Sephardi. The Yemenite Jews, who regard themselves as neither, are largely ignored in this arrangement. The proposal to have only one

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chief rabbi in each town was put forward yesterday by Haifa Chief Rabbi She'ar-Yashuv Cohen, who said that in many cases the respective duties of each rabbi are not clear, thus leading to a paralysis of the local rabbinate. Cohen was perhaps referring to the occasions when the two chief rabbis of a town or city cannot get along with one another. Those supporting the present sim-ation argued that the double roles are needed because of the special needs of the local populations. The council appointed a committee to study the situation. There was no suggestion that there should also be only one chief rabbi for all of Israel.



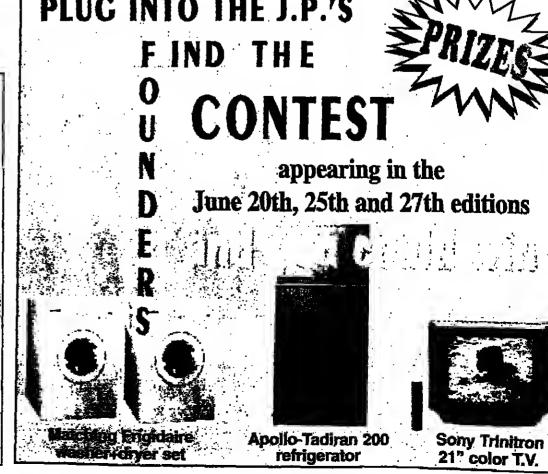
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#### Two arrested in Acre demonstrations

Two people were arrested during a violent confrontation yester-day between police and Acre residents who blocked the road lead-ing to the city's industrial zone. Police warned the demonstrators to disperse, but when they did not, police broke up the protest with water cannons. The city has been demanding that Acre be granted Development Area A status, which has been granted to Karmiel and Nahariya. The status confers tax benefits on investors.

Demonstrators said that on Friday, 10 busloads of people would travel to Jerusalem to protest in front of the Prime Minister's Office during the weekly cabinet meeting. Acre Mayor Eli de Casiro is to meet tomorrow with Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman.

#### More arrests in Har Adar shooting

Eighteen Palestinians have been arrested in connection with the Friday night shooting of Ofri Feldman, 23, near Har Adar. Since the incident, the JDF has arrested 12 more suspects from the villages of Beit Tzurif and Katana, in addition to the six from Bidu who were arrested late Friday.

Security sources said yesterday that it appeared the incident was not a drive-by shooting, but that the terrorists shot from the roadside and fled in a waiting car.

#### Hammer hospitalized for abdominal surgery

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer entered Hadassah-University Hospital. Ein Kerem, yesterday for abdominal surgery. He has been suffering from an abdominal infection and his physician decided that an operation is necessary. Itim

#### **Diplomat's life saved**

The life of a 60-year-old Egyptian diplomat was saved yester-day when he was resuscitated by a private ambulance team after losing consciousness at Tel Aviv University. The diplomat, who was clinically dead, underwent electric shocks and received special medications. In 20 minutes, his heartbeat returned and his blood pressure was normal, but he remained unconscious. He was brought to Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv for more treatment. In only a minority of cases are clinically dead people sucessfully resuscitated. Judy Siegel

#### Surgery saves woman's sight

A 60-year-old woman with a cyst in the base of her skull that grew so fast that she was blinded can see again after emergency surgery at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba. Scans showed the cyst had caused the destruction of bones in the skull and had pressed on her optic nerves. Judy Siegel

#### Gasoline prices drop

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Gasoline prices went down today. Lead-free (95 octane) dropped 1.8 percent to NIS 3.23 a liter, from NIS 3.29, and 96 octane went down 2.1% to NIS 3.22, from NIS 3.29. The price of heating oil dropped 7.9%. The decreases were caused by a lowering of the price of oil in the Mediterranean basin and by changes in the dollar-shekel exchange rate. Jerusalem Post Staff

## Panel: MK immunity should be withdrawn by public body

#### By LIAT COLLINS

Authority for rescinding parliamentary immunity should be taken from the Knesset House Committee and put it in the hands of an external public body, the public committee on parliamentary immunity recommended yesterday. The committee, headed by former justice minister Moshe Nissim, presented its findings to Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon. The five-member public committee would be composed pri-

marily of former MKs, but not active politicians. Nissim said MKs should accept

the recommendations of the committee, because until today the House Committee has not refused to rescind an MKs parliamentary immunity for fear of being accused of playing politics. Nissim said a public body would feel freer to decide.

"For the first time there is a chance that a decision will be taken not to rescind immunity," said Uriel Lynn, another member of the panel and a former chairman of the Knesset Law Committee.

In another field, the committee recommended restricting MKs' immunity on charges of slander

and libel to incidents which take place in the Knesset, in either the plenum or a committee meeting. Even press releases which are unrelated to things said in the plenum or a committee would be considered as if they were written outside

Nissim explained the suggested change by saying that, in many cases, a private individual might feel slandered by an MK but has no recourse because the parlia-mentarian operates under blanket immunity.

One area in which immunity should be extended, said Nissim, is MKs' protection against a

include computers and other electronic information systems, which did not exist when the law was conceived.

Another suggested change is requiring the police to obtain the permission of the attorney-general before opening an investigation of an MK.

Nissim said that even if the recommendations are implemented. MKs will enjoy more parliamentary immunity than their counterparts in almost any other country. Committee member Haim Zadok, another former justice

search of their papers. This cate- minister, said that, since the gory should be broadened to whole issue of parliamentary immunity conflicts with the principle of equality under the law, MKs should remember it is not an individual privilege. but one given to the Knesset to help it in its work.

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In order to implement the recommendations. the Knesset would have to pass an amendment to the law on parliamentary privilege, and it is not clear whether this has enough support. Tichon, who appointed the panel, said its report would be discussed by the Knesset House Committee as soon as possible.

### Eisenbergs battle over estate

The heirs to the country's biggest fortune yesterday accused each other of break-ins and illegal stock transfers, as the court battle for the \$1.2 billion empire of tycoon Shoul

Eisenberg heated up. The fight pits Eisenberg's widow, Leah, and five daughters against his only son, Erwin. Mrs. Eisenberg is disputing a 1986 will that leaves 80 percent of the business empire to Erwin. The original of the will was never found.

In a new affidavit filed with the courts, Erwin Eisenberg accused his mother of breaking into safes and locked drawers in their family home. She broke into them independently by ordering a specialist to open them," the son's lawyer, Tuvia Erlich, said, "According to Erwin, those safes had at least tens

of thousands of dollars in different currencies, if not more." Mrs. Eisenberg's lawyer, Ya'acov Weinroth, said there never was a break-in. "The mother had a key to the safe that included her personal (AP) belongings," he said.



#### A special kind of Bar Mitzva

Avraham Malicho uses sign language to deliver the blessings over the Torah at his bar mitzva yesterday, coached by Rabbi Zvi -Markuse. Twelve deaf boys celebrated their bar mitzva at Jerusalem's Moreshet Avraham (Conservative) Synagogue. (Brian Hendler)

### **High Court refuses petition** to delay Deri fraud trial

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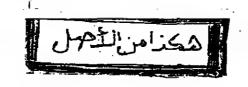
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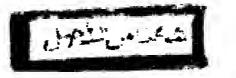
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**WORLD NEWS** 

## Romania still hopes for NATO inclusion

#### LISBON - Romania is still bopeful of being admitted to NATO at the military alliance's summit in Madrid next month, despite firm US opposition, Defense Minister Victor Babiuc

said yestenday. Babiuc, who is on a two-day visit to NATO member Portugal, told the Publico newspaper that if Romania were excluded it would be an injustice as the country met the conditions for entry to the military partnership.

NATO is a military alliance...(and) on that basis Romania is the country that best meets the conditions. Amongst all the candidates, only Poland has a greater military capacity," he said. "The southern flank of NATO is its weakest. It is close to the Balkans, the Middle East, the Black Sea and (other) factors of greatest risk — fundamentalism, arms trafficking and terrorism," he

said

Babiuc, who will meet Portuguese Defense Minister Antonio Vitorino and President Jorge Sampaio during his stay, said the US was committing an injustice in trying to exclude Romania. "(But) the Romanian people have not given up hope that the US declaration (of opposition) will prove temporary," he said. Meanwhile in Romania, some

7,000 workers went on strike yesterday in Brasov to protest plans for layoffs at their state-owned truck plant and demand the firing of some of the managers. They ended their walkout after three plant directors were suspended.

Workers in this city in central Romania are protesting reported plans by the government to lay off 3,000 workers at the Roman truck factory which, like 4,000 other state-owned companies, is scheduled to be privatized. (Agencies)

#### and pulling yesterday, saying their job of rescuing foreigners was done, though they were sad to leave the Republic of Congo engulfed in war.

News of France's plans to leave bad been followed by some of the fiercest fighting in days between President Pascal Lissouba and his rival, Gen. Denis Sassou-Nguesso. The two sides were believed to be getting into posi-tion for a banle for the airport, now controlled by French troops. Mortar and automatic rifle fire were heard all night and into yes-

terday morning. France, the former colonial power, has said it will continue to support peacemaking efforts in Republic of Congo, but that its military mission will end as

planned. It was expected to take a week for the 1,200 French soldiers 10 withdraw. The first flight carrying "nonessential" French military equipment and personnel to Gabon and Chad took off early yesterday, to be followed, officials said, by

another every 40 minutes for most of the day. Troops packed computers and furniture into crates to be loaded onto the planes.

"It is an achievement 10 have evacuated close to 6,000 people in very difficult conditions," said Col. Henri Pelissier, a French army spokesman. We are also leaving with some sadness because we lost one soldier and had six others injured. And sadness too to leave a country in a civil war "We hope that

the mediation that is taking place in Libreville is successful so that war does not break out again when we leave, resulting in new massacres." Pelissier said. Representatives of Lissouba and Sassou-Nguesso opened

talks in Libreville, Gabon yesterday to try to arrange a peace summit between the two leaders.

according to radio reports from Gabon, The presidents of Gabon, the Central African Republic and Chad and diplomats from the United Nations, the European Union and France were observing the talks.

French leave amid Congo fighting

Fighting erupted June 5 when Lissouba sent government forces to disarm Sassou-Nguesso's pri-

French troops enter a transport plane at Brazzaville airport yesterday. vate militia. Lissouba said he acted to avert violence before a July 27 presidential election in this central African nation. Sassou-Nguesso, a former dictator who will run against

Lissouba, claimed the president sparked the clashes to delay the vote and keep power, Lissouba, speaking on French

France to leave troops in Brazzaville, afraid that a pullout might lead to the collapse of his

would have liked the French forces, with ourselves and with the opposition ... to create a peacekeeping force to avoid what has been happening today," he

government. "I launch a strident appeal. We

television Sunday, appealed 10 told France 3 television.

#### Croatia polls said not fair ZAGREB (AP) - Presidential elections in which Franjo Tudjman

won another term were marred by shortcomings, including strong media bias in favor of the incumbent, international monitors said vesterday. Former US Sen. Paul Simon, head of the monitoring mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, told reporters that Sunday's elections were "free but not fair." He cited what he said were "fundamental flaws" in the campaign, and singled out bias on the part of the media, most of which is controlled by the state. The elections, Simon

said, "did not meet the minimum standards for democracies." Tudjman's victory was never seriously in question. With 93 percent of the

votes counted, the 75-year-old incumbent collected 61 percent of the vote.

#### EU summit approves stability pact Top model

#### **News** agencies

AMSTERDAM - European Union leaders yesterday approved a controversial budget stability pact and a resolution on boosting employmeot and growth ham-mered out by finance ministers, Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok said.

"It is with a great feeling of satisfaction that I can tell you the European Council has just reached complete agreement on what our finance ministers decided earlier," Kok told a news conference on the first day of a two-day summit. The EU summit can now focus on

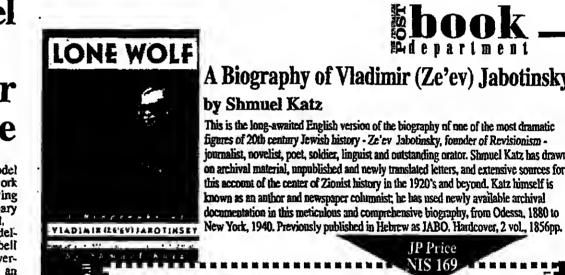
project - expansion into Eastern

Europe.



### back at work after drug scare

PARIS (Reuter) - British model Naomi Campbell returned to work in Paris yesterday after receiving emergency treatment in a Canary Islands hospital, her agent said. Xavier Moreau of Elite modelling agency, denying Campbell had been treated for a drug overdose, said she had suffered an allergy to antihiotics which she had taken for stomach pains.



### Book -A Biography of Vladimir (Ze'ev) Jabotinsky

This is the long-awaited English version of the biography of one of the most dramatic figures of 20th century Jewish history - Ze'ev Jabotinsky, founder of Revisionism journalist, novelist, poet, soldier, linguist and outstanding orator. Shmuel Katz has drawn on archival material, unpublished and newly translated letters, and extensive sources for this account of the center of Zionist history in the 1920's and beyond. Katz himself is

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The agreement, worked out by finance ministers at the EU's midyear summit, was a compromise matching Germany's insistence on tight finances with French demands million unemployed. for more spending on job creation. "We now have the legal and eco-

single European currency by 1999 back on track after a week of uncernomic framework in place for European monetary union," said tainty and jitters on financial mar-EU Finance Commissioner Yveskets after France's new Socialist Thibault de Silguy. "It's a strong government asked for a delay to signal to the markets." Under the deal, the EU ratifies a study the stability pact. The jobs resolution, drafted at

German-inspired pact to underpin the common currency by fining nations that run up big hudget deficits after the switch to the new currency, to be called the euro. To get the new French Socialist government to go along, other

ing of the National Park Service for allowing buildings on the island to crumble from decay and

"Ellis Island is truly one of our country's most recognized and

beloved bistoric places, but important pieces of this symbol of

the American Dream are being allowed to fall into ruin," the

trust's president, Richard Moe,

Moe pointed out that the restored Main Building on Ellis

Island was reopened with great

fanfare in 1990, and other build-

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the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. But he said there are

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German Chancellor Helmut Kohl meets with Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok during the EU summit.

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It also sought stronger links between European economic and The deal put the EU's drive for a monetary union and employment and a study of the relationship between future EU exchange rate policy and the independent European central bank.

German Finance Minister Theo Waigel said Germans could live happily with the agreement because French insistence, called for it required no additional spending, but French spokesmen claimed victory, saying they had begun to turn the tide of European policy away from austerity and towards employthe European Investment Bank, to promote small husinesses innovatment.

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"It was an allergy to antibiotics, she didn't take barbiturates," he said. "She has resumed her activi-(Reuser) ties." The 26-year-old model was taken semi-conscious from her five-star hotel on the Spanish island of Gran Canaria early on Sunday.

An official at Nuestra Senora del Pino hospital said she was admitted to intensive care after "an overdose."

She left the hospital on Sunday evening and flew back to Paris by private plane.

Moreau said he had spoken 10 Campbell by selephone and "It's much ado about nothing. The proof is she is not in the hospital. "At first we thought it was appendicitis. She had stomach cramps." Local media on the Canary Islands reported that Campbell had had an argument with her boyfriend, 28-year-old flamenco dancer Joaquin Cortes, who is in Gran Canaria with his hugely successful Gypsy Passion

gered list" are: the Congressional Cemetery in Washington; the dance show. At the luxury hotel residents Flathead Indian Reservation, Montana; the Bridge of Lions, St. complained late on Saturday Augustine, Florida; the Cranston about a beated conversation Street Armory, Providence, Rhode Island, and the between the two. Campbell then and the appeared extremely nervous and Montezuma Castle, Montezuma, took some form of medicine, hotel staff said.

passed through Ellis Island NEW YORK (AP) – Ellis between 1892 and 1954. Island, which was the first stop for millions of immigrants enter-

This is a wake-up call to all Americans," Moe said. "We caning the United States, has fallen not take our past for granted. into such disrepair that one organization has oamed it one of Once these links are gone, they cannot be replaced." The Trust "America's 11 Most Endangered scheduled a news conference yes-Historic Places." The National terday on the island in New York Trust for Historic Preservation Harbor to discuss its findings. blamed congressional underfund-

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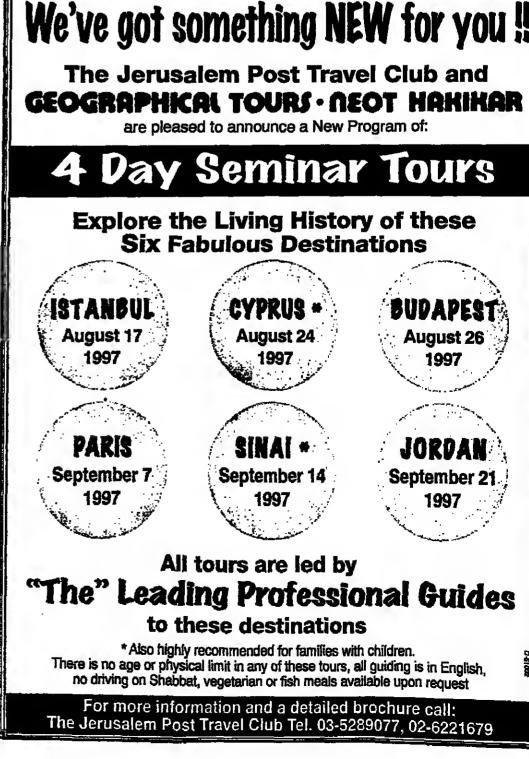
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### Playing by the rules

Hebron over the past few days, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is once again flirting with the use of violence as a negotiating tactic. Arafat denies complicity in the violence in which dozens of Palestinians have been wounded by Israeli rubber bullets, but the Palestioian Police, which is charged with preventing just such clashes, is nowhere to be seen.

It is a bit mystifying why Palestinian youth would wish to play the role of cannon fodder in Arafat's game. It is far from clear that Palestinians as a whole see the Har Homa project as the do-or-die issue that Arafat has made out of it. After all, the project does not violate the Oslo Accords, which say nothing that would prohibit building in Jerusalem.

Unfortunately, no one seems to be interested in what the Oslo Accords or the Hebron agreement actually say. The Hebron Accord obligates both sides to "prevent any provocation or friction that may affect the normal life of the city." The agreement also requires the Palestinians to establish checkpoints "to prevent entry of armed persons and demonstrators or other people threatening security" into the fifth of the city that remains under Israeli control.

The Palestinians can bardly complain that they do not have the wherewithal to fulfill the agreement. According to the agreement, they are allowed to have a police force of 400 - the actual size of the force, according to Israel, is about 1,500.

It is perhaps understandable that the Palestinians would wish to ignore certain provisions of the agreement which are difficult to implement. Israel has also not implemented certain provisions, though these have remained on the negotiatiog table in order to resolve security concerns that were not dealt with in the agreement. What is harder to understand is wby the strongest proponents of the peace process - be they in Israel, Europe, or the United States - are not the first to run to the Oslo Accords to adjudicate any dispute between Israel and the Palestinians.

Instead, what happens is that Palestinian violence becomes, in the phrase of American columnist George Will, "self-justifying." In other words, if the Palestinians are rioting, the automatic conclusion is that Israel must have done something grievously wrong. In fact, the main thing Israel has done wrong is to conduct he was brought inside the negotiatiog process,

udging by the unrest in the Gaza Strip and confidence in Netanyahu's commitment to the peace process. But the Israeli government's ineptitude at public relations does not excuse the Palestinian, much less the American, lax attitude toward what Oslo does and does not say

> If the US and others had said, following the deadly riots surrounding the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel in September, that the Israeli move, however badly handled, was not a violation of Oslo, then the expectation might not have built up that any Israeli move in Jerusalem would be followed by Palestinian violence. The tragic precedeot set by the September violence is that signed agreements are not a standard by which the parties' behavior is to be measured.

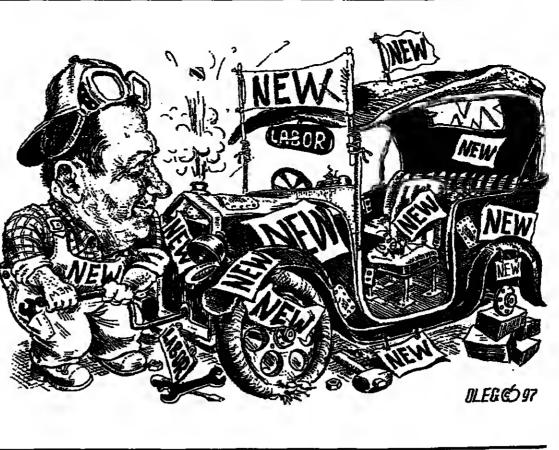
Absent the standard of fidelity to agreemeots, which can be applied equally to both parties. all that is left is subjective psychologizing - the Palestinians are "frustrated," "angry," or "humiliated," therefore the violation of their commitmeets is understood.

This is not to say that the Palestinian or Israeli states of mind are irrelevant. But if states of mind were grounds for pulling out of agreemeots, than the Netanyahu government would have pulled out the Oslo Accords long ago.

Most agreements cannot be implemented without substantial gritting of the teeth by both sides, especially when the parties are so far apart on so many issues. Even if the Palestinian state of mind is no excuse for violating agreements, Israel can and should do a better job of playing not just to its own right wing, but also to Palestinian sensibilities. It is, for example, extremely unhealthy that for months until the face-to-face meeting of Israeli and Palestinian teams in Cairo, there has been essentially no communicatioo between the top levels on both sides.

This is not just Israel's fault, of course; but it is in Israel's interest to maintain direct, eveo if unofficial, contact with Palestinians at all levels. It is not enough to rely on third parties who are trying to broker an agreement, such as the US or Egypt, or upon intelligence assessments.

Even Yitzhak Rabin, whose relations with Palestinians were much more developed than Netanyahu's, had a personal envoy to Arafat who would ensure communication outside of diplomatic channels. For a time, lawyer Yitzhak Molcho played such a role for Netanyahu, but a "stealth" peace policy. Everything Israel does so he can no longer play the role of semi-confi-



### Do-it-yourself Torah

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THE Conservative Movement. by

contrast, has never formally abro-

gated all Halacha. Yet the distinc-oon is lost on most of the move-

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Howard Singer, a Conservative

rabbi who fled the pulpit for the

world nf advertising, "If we talk

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While Conservative theologians

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They know exactly what they

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merican Jewry is up in arms over the proposed conversion law. By codifying the status quo, which denies recognition to Conservative and Reform conversions performed in Israel, the law is said to delegilimize the Judaism practiced by the majurity of US Jews.

That argument would carry more weight if those marching under the banner of religinus pluralism had a religious position. They do not.

In place of theology, American Jews have an attitude: No one not even God - can tell me what to do.

As the editors of last summer's Commentary symposium, "What Do American Jews Believe?", candidly acknowledged in their introduction: "Whatever else American Jews may believe in, it is doubtful the majority of them believe in Judaism."

David Novak, a Conservative rabbi, noted in the same symposium: "Too many in the liberal (Reform and community Conservative) seem to be determined to adjust the Torah to whatever is considered au courant in the class to which most of the members belong. Hence it is becoming harder and harder to see why their approach should any longer be called 'Judaism."

This is most obvinusly true for unaffiliated and Reform Jews, who together constitute a significant majority of US Jews. To the extent that they have an articulated viewpoint, it is that by labeling themselves Reform or unaffiliated, they have magically rendered all Halacha no longer binding on JONATHAN ROSENBLUM tion of Leviticus 18: "It's pretty

ing revelation" with the Torab's repeated insistence on its own immutability. Continuing reveladon becomes nothing more than popular practice wagging the Divine will. late in the day for Scripture to be

Thus an unlearned laity is polled concerning such issues as patrilineal descent and ordination of women, and popular pracoce is retroactively ratified in the guise of "rabbinic legislation."

When Conservative and Reform Jews do attend their temples and synagogues, they listen to the Torsh reading, with its long lists of do's and dont's, with a certain cognitive dissonance. On Yom Kippur, they find themselves asking forgiveoess for violating commandmeots they never heard of, and whose transgression they do not acknowledge as sins.

Reform and Conservative Jews cannot defend their particular level of mitzvo observance, or their beliefs in terms of the classic Jewish sources, of which the vast majority lack even the most rudimentary knowledge.

Yet without recourse to our common sources - Bible, Talmud, Codes - Judaism degenerates into pure antinomianism, What any Jew, no matter how unlearned, happens to think is conflated with Jewish thought.

Whether the individual's reason, his spiritual intuition, or his base desires is made the ultimate arbiter of religious truth, the result is the same: a form of self-worship. While such worship is common enough, it is antithetical both to the development of a religious community and to the awe and mystery of religion.

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#### DAVID J. FORMAN

ast Friday evening, my 16year-old daughter led ser-vices at Kol Haneshama synagogue in Jerusalem. In a secular society that sees the Orthodox world as too extreme for its taste. Reform synagogues like Kol Haneshama fill a critical spiritual need.

What is unique about houses of worship like Kol Haneshama, and about the Reform movement in general, is that my daughter could stand in front of a congregation and lead it through prayers.

As a woman, she is an equal partner in helping to create the religious atmosphere that enables Jews to reach God. This is the Reform Movement's greatest contribution to the Jewish world.

I say Jewish world and not religious Jewish world because if one sees it, as I do, as a Divine imperative to institute egalitarianism, the consequence of such a theological world view can only be improved relationships between men and women and a better society.

And here I part ways with some of my liberal colleagues who see religious pluralism as the crowning achievement of a democratic society.

Pluralism as a concept must come second to equality. Why? Because pluralism connotes tolerance, which by definition is a grudging, negative term.

Religious freedom, another code phrase for us liberals, is oo more helpful in setting the parameters of a truly democratic society. For under its banner all manner of behaviors would have to be tolerated, including discrimination against women.

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OVER the centuries, male rahbis, schooled in the sociological realities of their times, interpreted Halacha in a way that served

#### As a religious concept, pluralism must come second to equality

their male egos. They totally disregarded the Divine thrust toward equality of the sexes that was clearly present at the Creation.

We liberal religionists must not become complicit partners in this disregard.

Conservative Jews would not allow my daughter to chant Torah in their synagogues. They also did not allow h 10 person making up a quorum in a house of mouming, thus denying a woman mourner the opportunity to recite Koddish over the death of her father. For Conservative or any other Jews to justify such inequality by hiding behind the cloak of pluralism is totally unacceptable. Equality is a God-given right. To request, therefore, that the Reform Movement, which nurtures this right, be "tolerated" in the name of religious freedom is to reduce the glorious creation of the universe and the Divine spark in each of us to a poliocal parlor game. Reform Judaism deserves its rightful place io the Jewish world precisely because in its name a 16-year-old girl can stand before God and the people. of Israel like any adult male member of the Jewisb people. Orthodoxy's refusal to recognize this Divine thrust toward equality will eventually leave it relyiog on pure (read: impure) coalition partnerships to protect its religious turf. Ultimately such machinations will not stand the test of time, for God never intended the human race to be divided into superior and inferior halves. Kabbala expounds the theory that before releasing a soul for. life on earth, God splits it in two; and when these two parts find one another in life, their encounter is true love, and their union fulfills the biblical saying: "And they shall be of one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). That unity - two Divinelyinspired, equal halves making up one whole - surely dates from the very beginning of ome. Any religious movement that refuses to embrace this expres-sion of the Divine thereby removes itself from the protecove cover of religious pluralism and religious freedom. It is ome for those in the non-Orthodox religious camp to stop begging for tolerance from Israel's Orthodox religions establishmeot. For how can one stream of Judaism expect to be accepted by another that has, embedded in its ideological being, a theological mooring that is intolerant in nature?

to implement the Oslo Accords, or to soften long-standing positions, is done begrudgingly or by allusion - such as the recent indicatioo that Israel's final status position would not include maintaining Israeli control over all existing settlements.

The public face of the current Israeli government seems almost entirely devoted to proviog its bona fides to its right wing. This approach imposes tremendous diplomatic costs upon Israel, and makes life genuinely difficult for the Palestinians, who in any case never had much

dential messenger. The careful tending to atmospherics and communication lines is critical to the process - they are the grease that allows the peace process to inch forward, even wheo it seems stuck.

But even if these aspects were handled with the greatest finesse, agreements are only as stroog as the willingness of the referees surrounding the process to reliably blow the whistle when, and only when, there has been a violation of the rules. Otherwise, each party will set its own rules, and the game will fall apart.

them. At least in the case of Reform, popular practice and official

dngma are congruent. From its inception, the movement substituted Kantian moral autonomy for the binding Divine command. All Halacha, even circumcision, was declared a matter of personal choice, and the only relevant Law that which a particular individual happened to find spiritually uplifting at that moment. In the recent debate over the movement's position on homosexuality, one Reform rabbi responded to a colleague's citacandles, and only 29 percent attend synagogue twice a month. Almost none use a mikva, though the movement has never declared that the laws of family purity no

longer apply. Having reduced Sinai to an "npening conversation" at best, Conservative Jews cannot offer a coherent account of how God transmined his commands to His people.

They cannot explain why an allpowerful God is assumed to be incapable of formulating a Law appropriate for His people in all ages and circumstances; nor can they reconcile so-called "continu-

The great tragedy confronting Judaism today is not that some Jews may be hearing for the first time that whatever they do is not necessarily okay. It is that they have never been challenged to think hard about the meaning of their Judaism.

Had they been forced to do so. they would be far more likely to seek the meaning of their lives in their God and His Torah.

The writer is the outhor of numerous biographies of modern Jewish leaders ond Israel correspondent for the Jewish Observer.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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many countries.

#### **ISRAELI STANDARDS**

May 28, "Overprotective standards," and wish to point out that US and European product standards are different not merely due to the use of inches or centimeters. They were developed by different organizations over a large number of years and often reflect differences of philosophy. For example, the US always placed a strong emphasis on flammability issues due to the widespread use of wooden buildings, particularly in the first half of this century; in Europe there has been greater concern with problems of electrocution, since the mains supply is 220-240V (rather than 110V in the US). Today there is unquestionably a move towards harmonized standards. In general, it is the US the Israel Standards Institute. The which is modifying its product

Sir, - Your news report of May 28, regarding the proposed Knesset bill to limit missionary activity in Israel, gave the false impression that this issue is only of concern to a few southern US Christian fundamentalists and a couple of senators.

Having recently returned from an extensive speaking tour in America, I am aware that the proposed legislation is being widely discussed in the extensive Christian media, which includes over 1,000 radio and TV stadons. The issue is perking the interest of the secular media as well (as it is in Europe and elsewhere), along with many pro-Israel Christian groups and politicians. On top of that, several large Christian denominations have spoken out against the proposed bill, and a major tourism boycott is being planned if the legislation is enacted. In short, this proposed legtracts not to the liking of the

Sir. - I refer to your editorial of standards in line with European impact on costs, service and delivery time of such a monopoly is all too well known. In the case of Israel, It is evident

that our standards policy is neither Virtually no advanced trading nation today permits such an clear nor consistent. Sometimes an American or a European standard anachronistic situation, which strangles trade, increases costs and is adopted, with or without modifications, sometimes an Israeli stancauses international friction. They allow and recognize a plethora of dard is created. As your editorial correctly states, it is high ome that duly accredited testing bodies to a small nation heavily involved in perform this function. international trade adopt a flexible Israel has set up a national standards policy. This would mean Laboratory Accreditation Authority, accepting a range of suitable but which certifies laboratories accordnot identical standards, such as ing to international criteria. Now is

those of the US or the European the time to allow these labs to offer Union. This is common practice in testing services for imported and locally manufactured goods, rather than allow Israel's trade to languish The related issue which your in the Third-World type monopolistic editorial does not raise is that in Israel imports (and manufacturers) grip of the Israel Standards Institute. ALAN CLAYMAN

Or Yehuda.

#### TICKING TIME BOMB

are restricted to one testing body,

islation, which most Israelis seem majority. American Christians in particular, whose tax dollars have either ignorant of or oblivious to, is an issue that could ultimately cause substandally aided Israel, would rightly conclude that their trusted ally had cbucked a major tenet of Israel much more harm around the world than the Orthodox-Reform conversion fight. The Israeli public should be

any democratic system. This would cause a sharp erosion in forewarned: The obscure anti-mis-American support for the beleasionary legislation, which passed guered state. Maybe a majority of Israelis are so concerned with missionary its first readiog in March, would cause tremendous financial and activity that they truly want new poliocal harm to this country. The valid argument made by pro-Israel legislation outlawing it, no matter groups like the Christian Embassy, Christian Friends of how undemocratic this might be. In light of the fact that very few Israelis have responded to Israel and Bridges for Peace - that Israel has guarded the religious Messianic missionary approaches, rights of all of its citizens in I don't think so. Whatever the case, Jerusalem and should therefore all Israelis should know that the proposed legislation is a ocking keep control of the entire city would be severely undermined if ome bomb with enormous potencertain Israelis are jailed for handtial consequences for the country. ing out or possessing religious

Jerusalem.

DAVID DOLAN

The prime minister has been meeting Conservative and Reform leaders this week in an effort to find a creative solution to the controversy surrounding possible changes in the conversion law.

These meetings come against the background of troubling acts of violence by the haredim against Jews who do not believe as they do. Recent calls to violence can no longer be dismissed as the words of a few fringe radicals. Some key haredi leaders have called upon their followers to banish Conservative and Reform Jews from Israel.

Haim Miller, deputy mayor of Jerusalem, was quoted as saying, "Everyone to whom the integrity of the Jewish people matters must struggle to see that the Conservative Jews have no place in Israel."

A recent ad in a major Israeli paper called Conservative Jews a Satanic cult and worshipers of Baal. It cited halachic decisions permitting our murder because of our opinions. The ad was signed by members of all the major Orthodox rabbinical bodies.

The threat is real. Such statements set the stage for the vicious attack by hundreds of haredim on those of us who sought to pray in an egalitarian minyan at the Western Wall on Shavuot.

A NUMBER of myths propagated by the haredi world are misleading, even dangerous. Myth: The only correct understanding of the Torah is the Orthodox interpretation.

#### ANDREW M. SACKS

Aren't we all brothers?

Truth: The Talmud and Midrash teach that there are "70 faces to the Torah" (i.e. an unlimited number of interpretations). Each is "the words of the living God." Myth: Praying at the Wall was a provocative act.

Truth: We chose a spot way off to the side and at the rear of the Western Wall plaza so as not to offend others.

There are myths spread by the haredi world, and there are facts. It's time to separate them

One might term the gathering of Jews outside the Moscow synagogue on Simhat Torah in years past "provocative," or the illegal immigration of Jews to Palestine during the British Mandate, or the refusal of American blacks to sit in the back of buses.

Yet all these acts were the fulfillment of the biblical injunction to "pursue justice."

Myth: Haredi violence is perpetrated by a few unruly youngsters. Truth: The garbage hurled at us on Shavuot and the obscenities screamed came from students of the Porat Yosef yeshiva, one of Israel's most prestigious yeshivas. Even after the filing of a criminal complaint, no apology has been

forthcoming

The attacking mob consisted of hundreds. No haredi leaders tried to restrain their followers.

Myth: The Torah belongs to the Orthodox. Truth: The Torah, and all our

Holy Books, are the rightful property of all Jews. For all of us stood together at Sinai.

Myth: Women are prohibited from reading from the Torah.

Truth: The Talmud explicitly states that women may, in theory. be called to the Torah (Megillah, 23A).

Myth: Womeo are prohibited from donning tefillin. Truth: The Midrash and other

sources tell us that Michal, daughter of King Saul, put on phylacteries. So did Rashi's daughter.

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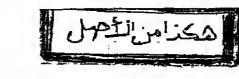
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may perform a valid conversion. Truth: The codes rule that even a conversion performed by three aymeo is valid.

It's time to separate fact from ficoon. I call upon the haredi leadership to sit down with us in the spirit of brotherhood and fied a common language in which to dialogue - so that, in the spirit of Aaron, we become pursuers of peace.

The writer directs the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel, the organization of Conservative/Masorti rabbis in Israel

The writer is o freelancer living in Jerusolem.





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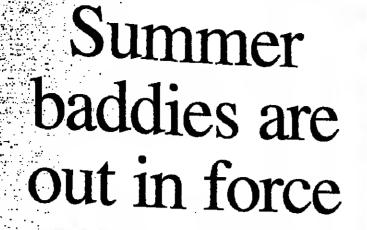
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The Jerusalem Post Tuesday, June 17, 1997

#### By JOHN HORN

The summer movie season is filled with important life lessons: People named Cyrus the Virus, Billy Bedlam and Swamp Thing are not the best airplane companions; don't trust lawyers, and especially, don't trust journalists; if a computer programmer starts sticking leeches on his chest, make sure you immediately change cruise

For almost every colorful summer movie, there's a colorful summer movie villain. Even the season's romantic comedies are not scoundrel-free: Julia Roberts plays a scheming home-wrecker in My Best Friend's Wedding, and Matthew Broderick a lovesick stalker in Addicted to Love.

But no matter where you find the bad guys, one thing is certain. The audience likes its villains just as it does its popcorn - fresh and salty. "If it's done right, the villain is the most fun part of the movie," says Jeff Nathanson, co-screenwriter of Speed 2: Cruise Control, which

opened recently in the US. The writers behind the summer films are laboring not to disappoint. At the same time, the screen authors must avoid the usual villains who offend any one of a booming number of advocacy groups. Make the rascal a left-handed ping-pong play-er on Monday, and the Left-Handed Ping-Pong Players Association of America.will have pickets surrounding theaters on Tuesday.

"It's really hard to find bad guys these days," says Andrew Marlowe, the screenwriter of soon-to-bereleased Air Force One, "The world is a complicated place and with political correctness, you can't make your villain ethnic because people will come out and protest,"

Not too long ago, Arnold Schwarzenegger battled Arab terrorists in True Lies, Susan Sarandon took on an Italian wise guy in The Client, and Sean-Connery and Wesley Snipes fought the Japanese in Rising Sun

In today's climate, those kinds of choices are increasingly rare: .... One thing that hasn't changed: Most of the baddies are still middleaged men. When do they get out of In their zeal to craft stories for the

but the approach also guarantees uninteresting storytelling. "The problem with most action

movies is you have one really, really bad guy and one really, really good guy and everyone in between is an innocent lamb waiting to be slaughtered," says Scott Rosenberg, author of Con Air. "Almost every single villain is some drooling psychopath or an unbelievably intelligent criminal mastermind," Rosenberg says.

Villains often reflect the culture's spoken and hidden fears.

In recent years, the most popular baddies have been technology (Jurassic Park), Mother Nature (Twister, Dante's Peak), doubledealing government officials (Mission: Impossible, The Rock), medicine (Extreme Measures, Outbreak) and, of course, space aliens (Independence Day and the upcoming Starship Troopers).

Among the new targets in the summer season is the workplace: Willem Dafoe's villain Geiger in Speed 2: Cruise Control is a comouter programmer suffering from work-related "copper poisoning."

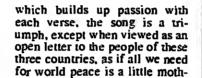
Geiger swallows prescription medication by the mouthful and, just for that extra pick-me-up, he attaches live leeches to his chest. He's called a "computer psycho" who's "really sick." But he's sharp enough to bijack a cruise ship without shooting everybody in sight. The legal system factors in Con

Air: The villains are the worst criminals the prisons have to offer.

"What if you had Charles Manson, Jeffrey Dahmer and Monster Cody all on the same flight?" says Rosenberg. "At the same time, I wanted them to be likable, as bad as they are .... The problem we may have is the audience might like the villains too much."

The likable criminals go by the names Cyrus the Virus, Billy Bedlam and Swamp Thing, and they and several other miscreants take over the plane. The hero: Nicolas Cage, also a killer - but it was justifiable.

Air.Force One, in which Harrison Ford plays the US president who becomes embroiled in a hijack story, takes its villain from overseas: The terrorist Korshunov is a Russian ultranationalist loyal to a Communist splinter leader.



ering. The CD is dedicated to the

people of Rwanda, Northern Ireland and Israel (where she appeared two years ago and where she was scheduled to play on Saturday night before yesterday's cancellation).

Always at the center of the storm - whether promoting Jerusalem as the capital for both Israel and a would-be Palestine, tearing up photographs of the pope on US television or heing

There are more muted ballads featuring O'Connor's crystalclear mesmerizing voice, a couple of successful attempts at Irish hip-hop and a closing traditional Irish tune featuring Donal Lunny on houzouki that is

strange ways to express them, but from a musical standpoint

must have gone outside without his air filter mask over his mouth one too many times. And the pollution has finally reached his brain.



The festival ended with a bang. After more than two weeks of morbid programming and performances, the final two concerts of the

festival were exciting and exhilarating music events of a caliber rarely heard here. The chamber orchestra of Barcelona's Lliure Theater hypnotized the audience in a mesmerizing rendition of five tangos by Astor Piazzolla in which bandoneon (Argentinian accordion) virtuoso Pablo Mainetti was glorious. This orchestra's musicians, under the baton of Ernest Martinez Izquierdo, are superb. In short, a first-rate orchestra playing great and seldom performed music with enthusiasm.

Only a handful of enthusiastic music lovers came to hear the Bang on the Can All Stars, but those that did enjoyed electrifying contemporary music performed by six first-rate musicians who gave all their soul and much more to the performance. Not all the compositions in this program were as intriguing, but special mention must go to Lisa Moore's rendition of Frederic Rzewski's Plano Piece No. 4.

Martin Bresnick's The Bucket Rider was a most introvent piece, touching and compelling in a program which was usually much more extrovert. The real highlight was Evan Ziporyn's Keybar Maya, a tantalizing gamelan music-inspired opus for solo cello and prerecorded cello, in which Maya Beiser was sensational. A grand finale for a rather dull festival. Michael Aircustad

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Carbon 14 is a radioactive isotope that helps to determine the date of archeological or geological finds. The Canadian dance theater by that name makes a statement that is hard to ignore: an intention to deal with issues such as our perception and recalling of the past, fleeting memories and passage of time. Their work. The Dead Souls, is full to the brim with changing images that deal with passage of time and our comprehension of it. But director Gilles Maheu takes the most obvious and simplistic means, conceptually and structurally, and lays them at our feet, so conspicuous, so banal, so dull. Ora Brafman

Loose-limbed dancers with gently swaying hips, light feet and radiant faces make the evening with Brazilian Dance Theater Grupo Corpo sail so smoothly. Choreographer Rodrigo Pendernieras managed ever so skillfully to fuse elements of indigenous Brazilian movement motives. and, even more precisely, movement quality, with contemporary dance disciplines. The company performed Scren or Eight Picces for Bullet to an adaptation of Philip Glass's composition, and their signature piece Nazareth, a homage to Brazilian composer Ernesto Nazareth, It brings a fresh, simple and even naive outlook to dance entertainment that is a touch more sophisticated than it seems at first sight. Without being overtly challenging, Grupo Corpo presents a sleek dance machine that is so easy to enioy. Ora Brafman

### CONCERT ROUNDUP? Spellbinding performer

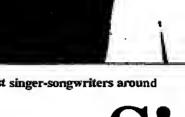
cise, she recites poetry on its keys. Her rendition of Mozart's E flat major Piano Concerto (K.271) at Jerusalem the International Convention Center on June 12 was a spellhinding, haunting experience that left one agape. Pires totally avoids mannerism; she is not interested in outward appearances. Rather, she concentrates on the music per se and breathes poetic

lyricism into it. The second movement was very sensitive poetry at its supreme best, displaying stability, sincerity and screnity. It was a performance hy a woman who is at one with the music she plays. The cadenza she played was simply a masterpiece in its own right. The finale was a brilliant combination of sweeping passages divided by a lync minuet which throws the listeners into totally different directions. Altogether one of the more genuine, gripping and evocative Mozart renditions I have heard in a long while. Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos accompanied with a firm hand, providing the right balance to the dialogue between soloist and orchestra. The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra was at its regular, yet far from exciting, best. There is a special charm to the Abu Ghosh festival (June 10, 11) which greets you as you drive through the winding roads of the serene village on your way to the church which

aria Joao Pires does not play the piano, she sings on it. Or, to be more prethe magic. They greet everything with enthusiastic applause.

This year, there was a most exhilarating concert given by the Tel Aviv Chamber Choir under its music director Michael Shani. Singing Magnificats by Cimarosa, Pergolesi and Vivaldi and a Stabat Mater hy Reinberger, the choir managed to capture the actual essence of these prayers in a most " subile way. The singing was pure and touching under Shani's guiding

hands which could not, however, always create the right balance between the choir and the Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra whose style is rather remote from that of Vivaldi or Pergolesi. That said, the choir was more than engaging and the choice of material was a revelation. On the opening night, Stanley Sperber led a very abridged (which is a great pity and far from understandable) version of Handel's Messiah, in which the audience sang a few of the choruses and relatively young singers performed some of the solo arias. Among them, alto Anna Haase was someone I have never heard before and now look forward to hearing again. The audience was on cloud nine singing the Hallelujah Chorus, and the overall performance was delightful, although lacking the real glory such a concert could have had. Michael Ajzenstadt



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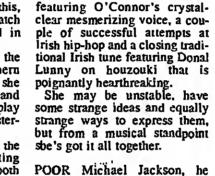
Sizead O'Connor: One of the best singer-songwriters around

## **Mother Sinead**

#### By DAVID BRINN

IN TUNE

egardless of her stance on any number of political and social issues, Sinead O'Connor artistically rises way above most other contemporary singer-songwriters. Her new sixsong mini-CD exemplifies this. with perhaps the strongest hatch of songs sbe has recorded in years.



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shy, intelligent, highly strung woman of whom not much is known except as she reveals herself in her letters.

Agnon's children, Emuna and Hemdat, for information on their mother, and to a 92-year-old cousin "who was very reluctant at first to speak of Esther, but then she opened

His daughter Emuna collected and edited the letters, and Falk took his

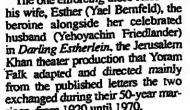
between Agnon and Schocken. Agnon's letters to Esther are written in the same exquisitely musical, rich language he used for his novels and stories. Hers to him are more down to earth. He speaks of his work, Jerusalem, the political sinuation, his longing for her. When he writes to the children, the letters are often in rhyming couplets.

most dimwitted of moviegoers, the Consider it a post-Cold War plot. studios geoerally do everything "You have given my country to except put a halo on the hero and gangsters and prostitutes! There is give the villain a tail and homs. It nothing left," says Korshunov may make for easy-to-digest drama, (Gary Oldman).

### **Musical letters**

Tobody was allowed into his study in their Jerusalem home, and when he was working in that study, the quiet had to be absolute, lest the great man be disturbed.

He was Shmuel Yosef Agnon, arguably this country's greatest writer, and the only Israeli author to have won the Nobel Prize for Literature. He got it in 1966, four years before his death. The one enforcing those rules was



riage, from 1920 until 1970. Falk, who adapted and directed the tender Middle Age for TheaterNetto and the magnificently realized Shira some years ago at the Cameri Theater, is something of an Agnon specialist. He was attracted to create a play from the correspondence "because of their humanity versus the accepted image of the 'great

He was also fascinated by Esther, a

Falk relates that he spoke to both

The play goes from Agnon's up." arrival in Eretz Yisrael in 1924 to shortly before his death. Esther outlived him by two years.

material from Darling Estherlein (1983) and An Exchange of Letters (1991) on the correspondence

(AP)

By HELEN KAYE



S.Y. Agnon's brilliance is revealed in his correspon-(David Rubinger) dence.

When the Arabs trash their home in the 1929 riots, Esther is with the children in a rented home in Bat Galim near Haifa and the letters become heartrending.

"I do not know how we can manage to organize our lives yet again," she writes.

And he replies that "We'll find a home and begin to work ... the machines, my typewriter, your sewing machine, are gone but we have our fingers," and "how much longer will one be here and the other

there? And following the near destruction: "I wander from place to place and cannot settle down to anything," he writes to his patron and benefactor, Shlomo Zalman Schocken, patriarch of the local dynasty. "My wife's situation is very hard. She finds il difficult to begin everything all over

again. Schocken (Avinoam Mor-Haim) is the third member of the triangle. Schocken, a self-made man, an industrialist and a philanthropist befriended the young Agnon when he arrived in Berlin in 1913, and eventually became his publisher. Schocken had a great deal of influence with Agnon, perhaps too much, and Falk sees him "as a sort of shadow that hovers over their lives,"

despite the very real support he gave Darling Esterlein previews reopen them at the Khan next week.

GOSPEL OAK Sinead O'Connor (NMC)

BLOOD ON THE DANCE FLOOR Michael Jackson (NMC)

booed off the stage of a Bob Dylan tribute concert by narrowminded members of the audience (Why were they there anyway?) - O'Connor is often criticized for presenting simplistic solutions to complex problems and for being generally flaky. Her naivety is touching, as on the opening track "This is to Mother You." An angelic ballad

Blood on the Dance Floor is a 13-track mess, featuring five new songs and eight remixes of previously recorded hits, most of which weren't so great the first time around. Of the new tracks, most are faceless dance music, that any techno geek and his rhythm

machine could drum up. Occasionally, a snippet of Jackson-caliber melody or vocal phrasing seeps through, but action.

most of the time he's missing in The remixes have even less Jackson input, as some of dance music's most noted producers have their way with past ditties

like "Bad" and "HIStory." Let's face it, has Jackson real-

#### By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

eldom has a visiting musician fallen so head-over-heels in love with this country. Last Tuesday Michael Morgan was driving a rented car through the Golan Heights seeing, as he drove by, numerous soldiers waiting at what he believed were bus stops. "Only when 1 eventually stopped 1 real-ized that they were bitchhiking and that that was their only way to get home. I took four in my car as I returned towards Haifa - I was just sad that I could take no more."

Morgan - who was for seven years the assistant conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, where he worked under Sir Georg Solti and later under Daniel Barenboim, and who is currently the music director of the Oakland East Bay Symphony Orchestra in California - made the most of Shavuot to tour the country while here for a series of concerts with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra. Indeed, he says the fact that "the concerts turned out well is a bonus. came here because I wanted to see Israel, that is the only reason really. And I have enjoyed every minute, both in the concert hall and traveling around."

Morgan, 39, believes that orchestras nowadays are happy whenever they are faced with a conductor "who is competent and vaguely musical. The problem today is that there are many famous musicians who started to conduct and they are lacking in the basic conducting cal work. "Audiences in Oakland

Has Michael Jackson's talent

been abducted by aliens? (Hanoch Guthmann)

ly made a good album since Thriller over 12 years ago? Sure there bave been some decent songs, fine dance tracks and great production values, hut for the last decade most of his success bas been fueled by the weirder-than-tahloid antics of his personal life.

Whether his mind has been taken over by aliens is debatable, but for anyone wbo remembers the classic soul he once made with his brothers, the only message to his captors is "J want you back!"

The maestro fell in love with Israel

to return here.'

need to learn conducting as a skill. on the podium." but are very good at publicity."

you are in politics, you have to raise money all the time. And if I raise money I'd rather do it for music. But if it weren't for the money I would probably be in politics too." and social beliefs through his musi-

have expanded a great deal in recent years and they do not look like a regular American classical music audience. There is a variety of ages and races at our concerts."He says that "The orchestra must be a focal point of the community, it is a community-building

mechanism. This is much more important than playing music. Society is so segmented today, we must work against this and not emphasize it."

Bridging societal gaps through music comes naturally to Morgan. Michael Morgan 'can't wait "Being a black American conductor you are already crossing a few lines, you automatically have to skills. People don't see the actual develop a certain gift for diploma-

They are definitely great musicians Morgan realizes that in the US, black conductors(and female conbut orchestras do not know what to ductors as well for that matter) cando when they stand in front of them and move their hands. And so very not reach beyond a certain point in frequently orchestras have to comthe hierarchy. "I have empathy for pensate for the lack of musicianship an orchestra board of directors because the conductor is the visible He elaborates that "there is no symbol of the orchestra and even real distinction between art and when there is no racial animosity public relations. There are people there is always that question 'can out there who are not that talented that sell?"

Morgan, who has been conduct-Morgan grew up in the Washington area, which is why, he ing since he was 12, says that when he was in his late teens his music explains, his other major interest is making was quite wild and lacked politics, "But the problem is that if any real discipline. "Now I'm waiting for the spirit of my teen years to return after I've got the knowledge and the discipline." And after spending 10 days in Israel, he says, "I can't wait to So he tries to advance political return here, this is a great country, I enjoyed every minute of being

### Alfi's dream

By HELEN KAYE

In the late '40s, a little boy and his grandfather came to Israel from Iraq, smuggled out, and smuggled in. The Iraqi authorities weren't letting Jews out and the British in Mandatory Palestine weren't letting them in.

The little boy and his grandfather

are imaginary, brainchild of veteran storyteller, director and playwright Yossi Alfi, "but they are the sum of the people 1 knew," he says. He has put the story of their journey into A Zionist Dream, an opera for story-

teller and orchestra. Alfi, the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra conducted by Doron Salomon and a quartet of players on authentic instruments move the

story along. Each component plays its part, "but I don't sing," Alfi jokes.

It opened to cheers at the Israel Festival. Even the critics liked it, and they praised the music by Boaz Ben-Moshe, a young Israeli com-poser who recently got his doctorate from Columbia University. The music enriches, enlarges and pays tribute to the oriental Jewish tradition using Western musical techniques.

A Zionist Dream doesn't bemoan anything. It's not a protest, but, as Alfi puts it, a story seen through the window of the heart from a desire to belong."

The opera plays in Kfar Sava on June 24 and at the Wohl Auditorium in Hayarkon Park on June 30.

### **TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15**

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## **BUSINESS**

in brief

#### 89,000 foreign workers registered at NII

The number of foreign workers registered with the National Insurance Institute (NII) totalled 89,000 in the last quarter of 1996, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. This figure does not include domestic staff. There were an average of 80,000 foreign workers registered with the NII for all of last year. Of those registered in the last quarter, some 47,000 were employed in construction and through employment agencies. with 19,000 working in agriculture. Jerusalem Post Staff

#### Kibbutz movements to discuss merger

A proposal to unify the three kibbutz movements will be discussed at this weekend's annual meeting of the United Kibbutz Movement. (UKM). The plan is to unite the UKM with the Kibbutz Artzi Movement and Religious Kibbutz Movement. The three bodies already work together on a variety of issues. David Harris

#### Former Apple CEO plans Israel investments

John Sculley, a former CEO of Apple Computers, announced yesterday that he has joined the supervisory board of Catalyst Partners PV. Based in Holland, Catalyst is the parent company of Israel's HK Strategy & Fmance, Ltd., an investment bank which provides strategic planning services for high-tech companies. Sculley said he is currently planning several investments in Israel: companies, including joint ventures between local businesses and Live Picture Inc., a California-based, digital image technology company he heads. Sculley is here for Internet Word, which begins today at the International Convention Center. Jennifer Friedlin

#### Israel, Sun Microsystems in procurement deal

Ed Bander, president of network computiog giant Sun Microsystems of California, yesterday signed a reciprocal procurement agreement with the government, represented by Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky. The agreement requires Sun to purchase an unspecified amount of Israeli goods. Last year, Sun purchased \$25 million worth of software from Israel, mostly from security software company Check Point. In January, Sun Microsystems opened the Java Soft Development Center in Herzliva. The center will concentrate on developing Java software products for operating systems, security systems and personal computers. Bander is expected to deliver the keynote address at Internet Word, Ĵennifer Friedlin

#### 344 lots at 41st Gordon art auction

Gordon will offer 344 lots at its 41 st auction on June 22/23, to be held at the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds. Among the top offers is a 1930s oil of a Seder by the late Moshe Castel (\$35,000-\$45,000) and a rare 1913 pastel of a boat on a Dutch river by Lesser Ury (\$20,000-\$30,000).

A treacly late Rubin of a mother and child has an optimistic top estimate of \$70,000. Several small Ardons with healthy estimates are also featured. Part two of the auction features a oumber of drawings and priots by noted Israelis with modest estimates, some as low as \$200. Meir Ronnen

#### Safdie to re-design Toronto airport

Israeli architect Moshe Safdie has been chosen along with international colleagues for the \$2.5 billion redesign of Toronto's Lester B. Pearson Airport. The initial work will begin July 1, with the ground-breaking ceremony scheduled for next year. The intention is to double the airport's capacity with the construction of a second terminal. David Harris

# **BUSINESS&FINANCE** Sharon willing to negotiate with JNF on land reform blueprint

#### By DAVID HARRIS

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday offered to negotiate with the Jewish National Fund (JNF) and other interested parties over the recommendations of the Ronen Committee on the reform of the country's land structure.

Sharon was speaking during a sitting of the Knesset Economics Committee, whose aim was to bring all sides back to the negotiating table following the INF-led attack on the report - which aims to expand real-estate supply and ultimately generate a price decrease.

Insisting they had been largely ignored during the committee's investigations, the agricultural lobby, the INF, and lewish Agency all expressed hope that Sharon's promise of talks will be acted upon.

organizations had These expressed their concern that they were not consulted prior to last Friday's government approval of the Ronen recommendations.

However, Sharon informed them that the cabinet only gave approval to the general principles behind the report rather than its specific details. Furthermore, he added, when the key Israel Lands Administration (ILA) directorate discusses the proposals oext week, it too will only vote on the principles. This will leave the path open for detailed discussion of each proposal in the report.

Among those demanding compromise in the final version of the plan are the representatives of the Arab population, the farming community, the JNF and Jewish Agency.

There's a feeling here that Jews are splitting the land between themselves and not thinking of others," said Azmi Bashara (Hadash). "There's no reference to the fact that this land once belonged to Arabs."

In response, Sharon said he does not want to deal with past issues but to look ahead, working closely with Arab leaders and justly considering each and every claim they may have.

"I don't distinguish between Arabs and Jews; they are all Israeli citizens," he said.

The farmers' representatives, who had successfully appealed to the Supreme Court to prevent the ILA from approving the relevant sections of the report without their approval, said they would not bave turned to the courts had Sharon initially said he was prepared for a full round of negotiations.

They are particularly concerned about their future relationship with the state, which through the ILA

and JNF owns some 91 percent of the land. Arych Gertzler, head of the farmers' campaign against the Ronen report, said legislation must be introduced to enshrine farmers' rights.

Sharon told the farmers the last thing he wants to do is harm their rights. The JNF is convinced there is no

way it can transfer land out of state control. "It is our job to pre-serve national lands," JNF chairman Moshe Rivlin said.

This is a view shared by the Jewish Agency, which favors a reduction in bureaucracy and is prepared to negotiate with the farmers to reach a compromise but is refusing to sell its landhold-

ngs. The JNF also maintains the discussion should never have been held in the government, as the ILA is the only body which can make decisions on the issue of land

The Ronen Committee recommendations call for the dispersion of the population away from the central areas: the transfer of the freehold from the ILA or JNF to householders - initially this is likely to affect some 700,000 apartments; preventing foreigners (other than those entitled to settle here under the Law of Return) from buying land: easing planning procedure restrictions for private citizens, making it far easier to build on one's own property; and granting permission for agricultur-al estate holders in residential areas to register their land as individuals rather than as part of larger representative bodies and that they be permitted to divide their

estates and sell residential plots. Many of the proposals will not require legislation, but some of the weightier issues will have to come before the Knesset.

BackWeb in talks to have its software included in PCs

#### By JUDY SIEGEL

BackWeb Technologies, an Israeli software firm that automatically "pushes" Internet sites of the user's choice on the screen, is negotiating with major international computer manufacturers to have its program included in each machine sold, BackWeb CEO Eli Barka said yesterday.

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Barka added that when the deals are signed and the software is included in PCs, they will become much more user friendly for those interested in the Internet.

Users will be able to take the PC out of the box, plug them in and customize their own Internet "channels" - whose icons will appear on the screen while they work as soon as the sites are updated.

A very young company with a 34-year-old CEO, BackWeb already has 100 staffers (40 of them in Israel and the rest in the US1 and has captured 22% of the business of 50 leading companies using push technology. We are way ahead of the rest of

CK. Savs Barkat who

ed in computer science and mathematics from the Hebrew University.

He started his career as a software

developer with Aurek and then

moved to Daizix Technologies in Herzliya, where he developed com-

puter-assisted design applications.

Eighteen months ago he was a key

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Tuesday, June 17, 1997

#### **Owen guits NatWest Bank**

Britain's NatWest Bank said yesterday its investment banking boss Martin Owen had guit amid a major overhaul of the business, which was draining the group's profits.

NatWest's chief executive Derek Wanless said he had not fallen out with Owen and the decision that a change of leadership was needed had been taken by them both after lengthy discussions

Owen's future has been under a cloud since late February, when NatWest Markets disclosed it had sustained multi-million pound losses over a two-year period in its derivatives division. Reuter

#### CORRECTION

Harry Fox invented the first multimedia personal computer and not as published yesterday.



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#### Israeli display at Paris Air Show

Visitors to the 42nd Paris Air Show yesterday examine the cockpit of an Israeli-upgraded fighter plane, which is to be sold to the Romanian Air Force.

### Soros increases Indigo stake

#### By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Entities affiliated with US entrepreneur George Soros and P.C. Chatterjee invested \$8.9 million in a private placement in Indigo NV. the struggling manufacturer of electronic color printing products, an Indigo spokesman said yester-

Indigo intends to use the investment to "improve its financial situation," the spokesman said. Soros and Chatterjee representatives could not be reached for comment.

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Systems, the world's leading

modern manufacturer, expects to

increase the number of employees

at its Israel-based centers from 50

to 75 over the next year, company

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Since the beginning of the year, Indigo has raised a total of ficiaries include Benny Landa,

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\$28.9m. in placements, said CFO Shlomo Nimrodi, adding that the investments demonstrate people's confidence in the beleaguered company's ability to turn its fortunes around.

"We are proud of the continued support investors have in the company and its technology," he said in a statement

Earlier in the year, the Dutchbased company with production facilities in Israel and an Israeli leadership, announced it had raised \$20m. from investors.

Among the investors were the Landa Family Trust, whose bece-

**Rockwell Semiconductor Systems** 

to expand local R&D centers

Indigo's founder and chairman, and the Chatterjee Group, an affiliate of Soros Fund Management. Indigo, which had difficulties marketing its new product line and maintaining strong customer relations, announced a restructuring program at the end of 1996. Indigo's massive restructuring program - including the laying off of 57 percent of its workers and firing of senior staff - was designed to return the company to its former glory as one of Israel's most internationally lauded hightech firms and to secure its position as a leader in the electronic printing market.

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Early signs showed the plan was taking effect, as the company advanced toward the black in the first quarter of 1997. Indigo said net losses for the first quarter totaled \$17.8m., compared with \$21.6m. in the same period in t996.

In January, two companies affiliated with Soros increased their holdings in El- Rov Israel to 14.4% as part of Soros's plan to increase its involvement in the local real-estate market. Soros and the Chatterjee Group

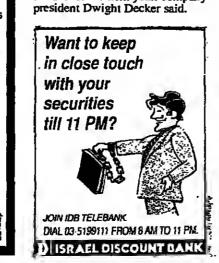
also announced a commitment to invest \$25m. in Geotek Communications.

As it is a privately owned company, Barkat would not supply revenue or profit figures. BackWeb recently announced an agreement with Microsoft Corporation for expanding broadcast and delivery options for Microsoft's Internet Explorer 4.0, scheduled for release soon.

sible via BackWeb.

The firm has also just released BackWeb version 2.0 with several new enhancements that conserve the corporate network bandwidth. This, version is especially useful for companies sending information .. to. employees over their own intranet. While they work, staffers will be notified automatically of news and material from management without having to look for them.

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Last month, Rockwell said Semiconductor Systems, a subsidiary of industrial automation R&D center is part of the compagiant Rockwell International Corp., announced the establishny's transition from an aerospace and defense company to a highment of a research and developtech commercial electronics firm,

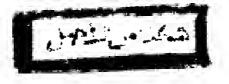
ment center in Herzliya. he said. The company already had a The center in Herzliya will center in Karmiel, which it design software-based moderns, acquired from the US-based which are more flexible and less

Comstream. "We came here because of the people and talent and because we felt we could build a strong product development team," Decker said.

Systems' revenues totalted \$1.5 The increase in the number of billion tast year, representing some 20% of Rockwell employees wilt raise Rockwell's local investment from \$10 mil-International's \$8b. in annual lion to \$15m per year, Decker sales.

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#### SPORTS

### Tuesday, June 17, 1997 The Jerusalem Post

Maccabi allows

Sherf to go

to PAOK

By ORI LEWIS

Maccahi Tel Aviv basketball

club yesterday decided to allow their coach, Zvi Sherf, to take a

position with PAOK Salonika of

Sherf, who also coaches the

national team, is considered to be

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be worth \$1.1 million.

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### SPORTS in brief

#### Tiger Woods becomes youngest world No. 1

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LONDON (Reuter) - Tiger Woods has become the youngest player to head the world golf rankings list, issued yesterday. The 21-year-old American gained a top 20 finish in the US Open at Bethesda, Maryland at the weekend to leap-frog over Australian Greg Norman, who had a disappointing tournament and missed the cut. South African Emie Els moves up from eighth to fourth place after his one-shot victory over Britain's Colin Montgomerie at the US Open.

#### Warne hints at improved form with 5-42

LEICESTER (Reuter) - Shane Warne captured five for 42 to hint at improving form as the Australians snatched an 84-run win over English county champions Leicestershire yesterday.

Set a target of 264 in a minimum of 65 overs after two declarations on the third and last day, Leicester were bowled out for 179. Paul Reiffel, who joined the touring party last week because of injuries to fellow pacemen Jason Gillespie and Andy Bichel, conunued his encouraging start by adding three for 49 to his first innings three for 12.

#### Williams, Campbell carry West Indies to victory

ST JOHN'S, Antigua (Reuter) - Openers Stuart Williams and Sherwin Campbell carried West Indies to an extraordinary sixwicket victory against Sri Lanka midway through the third day of the first Test on Sunday.

In a Test of fluctuating fortunes, the West Indies pair belied the belief that conditions did not favor the batsmen, combining in a stand of 160 - far and away the biggest partnership of the match. Set 187 to win, West Indies looked set for a convincing 10-wicket

victory, but in keeping with the bizarre proceedings of the previous two days the hosts then lost four wickets for just 23 runs.

It was left to Carl Hooper to hit the winning runs, a six over long-on off off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, ending an eventful first Test match between the countries in West Indies.

### Lancashire strangled by Zimbabwe leg-spinner

LONDON (Reuter) - Zimbabwe leg-spinner Paul Strang completed a match haul of 11 for 186 to bowl Kent to the top of the English coun-ty championship table yesterday. Strang took four for 68 to add to

his first innings seven for 118 as Kent snatched a 58-run victory over Lancashire in the penultimate over on the fourth and final day at Old Trafford.

Set a target of 306 off a minimum of 58 overs, Lancashire were all out for 247 after their last six wickets crashed for 44.

England middle order batsman John Crawley struck 91 off 119 balls, with 12 fours, but his dismissal marked the end of Lánčashire's push for victory.

On\*245 for nine, uncapped pair? Jamie Haynes and Paul Ridgway tried to hold out at the finish but the former was bowled by paceman Martin McCague with the fifth ball of the game's penoltimate over,

Worcestershire seamer Stuart Lampitt ended a stubborn innings hy discarded England wicketkeeper Jack Russell to help inflict Gloucestershire's first champi-

Lampitt prised out Russell for 65 to end a 70-run eighth-wicket stand with Tim Hancock, after the pair had come together at 189 for seven in pursuit of a victory target of 372. The dismissal of Russell, who

had already shared a 57-run seventh-wicket stand with captain Mark Alleyne, was the beginning of the end for Gloucestershire, who went down by 95 runs. Rain curtailed the fourth and last

day at The Oval where Yorkshire, needing 316 to win, were struggling on 115 for four.

Australian Darren Lehmann was unbeaten on 57, adding to his firstinnings century, after pace bowler Martin Bicknell had snapped up three for 32.

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certain to turn many heads with her aggressive style of play and her innovative hair style.

### **Becker given a helping** hand for Wimbledon

LONDON (Reuter) - Former champion Boris Becker earned a timely bonus for his past efforts at Wimbledon yesterday when he was

nominated as eighth seed for this year's championships by the All England Club committee. Becker is still struggling to regain his form following a wrist injury but, 29-year-old German.

despite a world ranking of 18, the three-times champion has been protmoled above a host of younger rivals including French Open winner Gustavo Kuerten and rising Australian Pat Rafter.

World No. 1 Pete Sampras was predictably confirmed as top seed in . the men's singles but world No. 2 Michael Chang has to be content with fifth position on the seeding list. Goran Ivanisevic, Yevgeny

placed above him. Six players among the world's top 20 are either injured or have withdrawn from the Wimbledon men's draw but Becker's position will not delight clay-court experts Marcelo Rios or Carlos Moya who also both find themselves seeded below the

Despite a world ranking of 20th, Britain's Tim Henman has been seeded in 14th position, largely on the strength of his performances last year when he became the first home player since 1973 to reach the Wimbledon quarter-finals. He is the first British men's seed for 15 years. In the women's singles, the absence through injury of Steffi Graf gave the seeding committee an easier task. Martina Hingis, the world Kafelnikov and defending champion No. 1, is the top seed followed by Richard Krajicek have all been Monica Seles and Jana Novoma.

The draw for both the men's and women's singles will be made today, six days before the championships

Start.
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Women's singles: L. Martina Hingis (Switzerland), 2. Monica Seies (US), 3. Jana Novotna (Czech Republic), 4. Jva Majoli (Croatia), 5. Lindsay Davenport (US), 6. Amanda Coetzer ISouth Africa), 7. Anke Huber (Gernstavy), 8. Ariantza Sanchez Vicario (Spain), 9. Mary Pierce (France), 10. Conchita Martinez (Spain), 11. Mary-Joe Fernatdez (US), 12. Jrina Spirkea (Romania), 13. Kimberley Po (US), 14. Brenda Schultz-

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from Spain, where the national

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oversaw Greek club, Aris continue preparations for the championships at another tourney starting in Turkey today. Sherf's deputy at Maccahi, Yoram Hanish, is said to be the PAOK has offered the Israeli a lucrative two-year contract said to most likely candidate to take over Maccabi chairman Shimon Mizrahi said yesterday that with from his mentor.

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### **AC Milan confirm Capello** is returning as coach

MILAN (Reuter) - AC Milan confirmed yesterday that Fabio. Capello would be returning to the Italian club as coach from July 1 inplace of Arrigo Sacchi.

From July 1, 1997, the technical direction of the team will be entrusted to Mr Fabio Capello," it said in a tatement. "The club expresses its warmest

gratitude to friend Arrigo Sacchi for the constant commitment shown during the season."

Sacchi, former Italy national coach, took over at Milan late last year after Uruguayan Oscar Washington Tabarez had his resignation offer accepted.

There was no official word on his

Milan finished the season in 11th place, their lowest since they were relegated to serie B in 1982, and will not be playing in European club competition next season.

Capello won four league titles and one European Cup with Milan after taking over from Sacchi in the 1991. He left the club at the end of the 1995-96 season for Real Madrid. He added the Spanish league title

on Sunday when Real won the championship. Capello announced after the match that he would be returning to Milan.

He told the daily Gazzetta dello Sport yesterday that Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi had approached him about the job in March. "Berlusconi called me and I could not say no," he said. 1.1.1

WITH A FLOURISH - American Venus Williams seen in action at the women's grass court tournament in Eastbourne yesterday, is unseeded for Wimbledon which begins next week but she is



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plans but he is widely expected to take a career break.

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### Spartak killing highlights crime in Russian sport

MOSCOW (Reuter) - The weekend killing of a senior business executive at Russia's top soccer club. Spartak Moscow, has highlighted how far sport in the former Soviet Union has fallen victim to organized crime, officials said yesterday.

Vladimir Radionov, general secretary of the Russian Football Union (RFS), said Larisa Nechayeva, the second senior Russian sports official shot dead in the last two months, had received threats recently and looked nervous the last time

he saw her. "It looks like the commercial interests of differ-

ent companies clashed in this case and relations between them took a dangerous turn," Radionov told Reuters.

"As often happens nowadays, they started settling scores." Police in the Vladimir region, east of Moscow, were still investigating the apparent contract shooting of Nechayeva, who was the director general in charge of finance and sponsorship at the league champions.

She was No. 2 to club president Oleg Romantsev, the former head coach of the Russian national side.

One club source said she was a particularly close associate of Romantsev, an authoritarian figure who retained close control over the club during his 1994-96 tenure with the national squad.

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Nechayeva and another woman on the Spartak management team, named by police only as Rudzake, were gunned down at a club villa on Sunday afternoon. Her driver was in intensive care. The murders came less than two months after

the unsolved assassination of Russian ice bockey federation president, Valentin Sych, who was sprayed with bullets as he drove to work.

Sych, 60, had spoken out against pressure from business groups who take advantage of post-Soviet Russia's legal vaccuum to employ the sort of matia-style tactics that have made contract killings commonplace across the country.

One senior Russian soccer official said on Monday he was alarmed by the general rise in the use of sports clubs to launder mafia money. Other allegations, never proved, that have circulated in the Russian sports world in recent years involve the abuse of special tax breaks and widespread match-rigging. Some of Russia's biggest sports stars, now

based abroad, say they fear to return home for fear of pressure from crime gangs.

Spartak spokesman Alexander Lvov conceded Nechayeva's murder was a contract hit. But he hotly denied any suggestion the club, four times Russian champions in the past five years and one of the richest in the country, had any links to the

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underworld.

"There is no connection to organized crime. This contract killing could have been prompted by any kind of reason - personal contacts, other private matters," he told Reuters Television on Sunday.

"It has nothing to do with allegations of the socalled criminal entourage around our club." He added he was not aware of any threats towards Nechayeva,

Other Spartak officials declined to comment yesterday.

Nechayeva, 45, a striking blonde said by NTV television to be a member of Vladimir Zhirinovsky's extreme nationalist LDPR party, was reported to have landed her job by contacting Romantsev with an offer to turn the Spartak into a superclub."

Unlike many of Russia's top clubs, such as Red Army side CSKA, police team Dynamo or the railways club Lokomotiv, Spartak have a tradition of relative independence from the state.

But they have won important sponsorship deals allowing them to dominate the Russian league they returned to the top of the table on Saturday with a 1-0 win over Lokomotiv Nizhny Novgorod - and to pay star players such as winger Andrei Tikhonov enough to stop them joining the exodus of talent to the West.

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#### By HEATHER CHAIT

LOCAL SCENE

In an unprecedented move, Stanley Periman was elected unopposed as the Associate Members representative on the International Cricket Council's Finance and Marketing Committee.

The position includes controlling and advising the ICC on financial matters, alongside representatives from Australia, England and Pakistan.

While in London this week, Perlman was inundated with offers of assistance for local cricket from full member countries.

Meanwhile, the team representing Israel in the Maccabiah will be Raymond Ashton, Steven Baskin, Abraham Daniels, Jacky Divekar, Benzie Kahimkar, Danny Malekar, Isaac Masil, Alan Moss (capt), Yefet Nagavkar, Perlman, Shimshon Raz, David Silver, Paul Smith, Avi Talkar and Shimshon Tzurdekar.

Bowls: The bowling population has been busy recently, both with the Shavuot tournament and with the more altruistic ESRA event.

The Ra'anana team of Yitzchak Benoldi, Sally Goldberg, Meir Judeikin and Tony Joffe inched past the Kiryat Ono side of Avi Naim Assaf Gringard, Ruthie Gilor and Shelley Aviv, to win the Shavuot tournament 15-13.

Another tight speeze gave the Ramat Gan team of Arye Keren, Moshe Braun, Rivi Meirav and Shosh Assiyahu third place with their 17-16 win over Kfar Hamaccabiah's Cecil Bransky, Yair Bekier, Juliette Bimbak and Michael Stange.

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lent coodition for the national July 11-14 for the opening of the championships at Hadar Yosef on 15th Maccabiah on July 14 in Ramat July 6-7.

Over the weekend he achieved his best result this year - 2.31 meters at the Maccabi championships. Manusevich, who holds the national record at 2.34m, then aimed for 2.35m but failed.

Besides the sports champions at the national competition, there will be other heroes present, some better known than others.

Adding a dash of officialdom will be President Ezer Weizman who will open the event. No less important will be Meital Lederman who was critically injured in the Dizengoff Center tenorist bombing and is con-fined to a wheelchair, as is Meni Guy who saved a television crew during the riots after the Western Wall's tunnel's opening. Both Lederman and Guy will award medals at the competition.

Tennis: The ATP Tour rankings for this week have Eyal Ran at 140, Oren Motevassel at 182, Eyal Erlich at 205, Raviv Weidenfeld at 236 and Nir Weigreen at 280.

The doubles rankings are another story with Ran leading on 186 but Lior Mor is second on 244, Noam Behr on 266, Harel Levy on 272 and Erlich on 279.

Golf: Ran Sandler won the monthly medal competition with his 69 net score with Leslie Ben Amir's inferior back nine giving him second place, also on 69. Morris Pormer won the B division with 74 followed by Clive Jossett on 76. Yitzhak Dankner led the C division with 73, leaving Avraham Namdar in second place at 74. In the D division, Barbara Golan won with 74, fol-

lowed by Nate Kansky with 75. After 10 rounds of the National Coca Cola Golf League, Kfar Shmaryahu is the clear favorite with 43. Herzliya A is second with 24 points and Herzliya B has 22.

Maccabiah minutes: Nearly five thousand of the Diaspora's leading sponspeople will be airlifted into Israel over just three days between

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Accompanying the athletes will be 15,000 visitors from 50 countries. Netanya, with the most athletes, will be known as the 'Olympic city' and among other hosting cities will be Metulla (where ice hockey willdebut in the Games), Jerusalem and Bat Yam.

Another first for the two-week : event is Nava Israel, the clinical dictician who will keep tabs on the menues and nutritional value of the victuals that cross the athletes' fips. Tenpin bowling: Sarit Mizrahi won the 1997 national title after beating her mother and winner of the past two years, Mali, en route to the title. Mizrahi, a soldier, was part of the Israeli team which won the bronze medal at last year's European Youth Championships. The men's group was won by Avi Yakobovitch from Holon who beat last year's winner Yossi Strum in the final.

Eight players leave on Thursday for the European Championships in Nottingham, England where besides competing, local chairman Rounie Ashkenazi will be proposed to become a member of the Presidium of the European Committee.

Taekwando: 140 of the country's best tackwandoists, chosen from two local championships, were invited to the capital on Jerusalem Day for the national championships.

Among the men's winners were Dotan Cohen (54kg), Eyal Shemesh (58kg), Tomer Almog (64kg), Shahar Sorek (70kg), Aviad Bloch (76kg), Daniel Druker (83kg) and Ran Levitan (over 83kg)

Kan Levinan (over 63kg). In the women's category the ont-standing athletes were Shirli Stern (43kg), Nataly Othov (51kg), Anna Fliner (55kg), Tamar Golan (60kg), Tamar Mechlav (65kg), Yael Igelstein (70kg) and Ellen Goktkranz (over 70kg).

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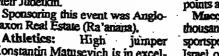
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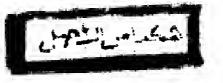
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Fine performances from Sandra Sadeh and Elisheva Michaeli: On the Cameri mainstage tonight at 8:30. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English). FILM ADINA HOFFMAN \*\*\* JERRY MAGUIRE - Tom Cruise stars in this bittersweet comedy about a fast-talking athletic agent whose integrity gets him fired; as his unchous employer makes it painfully clear, there's no room for old-fashioned ideals like Jerry's in the sneaker-andfor children.) and the second second

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CLASSICAL MUSIC MICHAEL AJZENSTADT After last summer's grand operatic evening under the batton of Daniel Oren, the Israel Philharmonic Oschestra returns to Hayarkon Park. Everybody who's anybody on the Israeli light popular music scene will join the IPO tonight (9) in a special concert celebrating 100 years since the first Zionist Congress Ninit Gahon, David Broza, Shoshana Damari, David Deor, Shlomo Gronich and many others will join the orchestra under the baton of Rafi Kadishzon in a concert enceed by Haim Topol. A hundred thousand embusiastic music lovers are expected at the event. ENGLISH THEATER

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Edna Mazia's A Family Tale, about family skele-

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from Heidelberg in the '30s to Tel Aviv in the '70s.

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Avenue and Linda Smilestone is his wife Edna, in the Tel Aviv Community Theater production of Neil Simon's comedy about a man whose world just ebout comes apart at the seams. Directed by Helen Eleasari. 'Jerry Maguire.' Tonight and tomorrow night at Yad Lebanim at 8:30.

soda-sponsored world of professional American sports. So our hero is forced to gp it almost alone, with no friends but a single client, a second-rate NFL widereceiver (Cuba Gooding Jr.) and a shy, daydrearny accountant (Renee Zellweger), who quits her job to help Jenry. There's something winning about director Cameron Crowe's softly, goofy approach. Instead of imposing optimism on the characters from above, he lets their own hopefulness and idealism bubble up and carry the film. If anything, Crowe himself seems to recognize a few dark truths about human nature that the characters don't, and he uses their slightly pie-inthe-sky ideas and emotions as a source of gentle humor. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles, Parental guidance suggested.)

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Tom Cruise stars in the bittersweet comedy

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#### a provincial French boy with a lively imagination, and evolves gradually into a sharply pointed allegory about memory, fantasy and the dubious legacy of the Vichy government. Not that the movie grows somber and preachy as its historical implications open out. Hardly. With real comic eplomb, Mathieu Kassovitz plays a charming pathological liar, a young man who leaves home on the eve of the Liberation and creates for himself a fictional identity as a former hero of the Resistance. The movie manages an unusual blend of caustic humor and serious political commentary, (French dialogue, English and Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended

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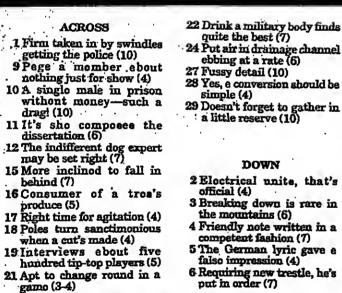
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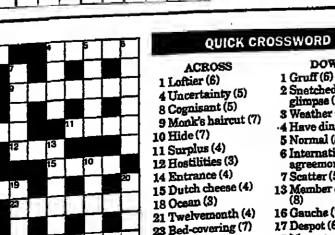
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#### Protest not child's play

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Children of Lapid, one of the "seven stars" communities being built along the Green Line, protest in front of the Prime Minister's Office yesterday, claiming that the school building being completed for them is not big enough. (Text: Dan Izenberg; Photo: Ariel Jerozolimski)

### Women to get free health scans

receive special allocations to

implement the program, each say

it will cost them between NIS 3

million and NIS 5 million a year.

The Health Ministry says the ser-

vice should be included in the bas-

ket of health services covered by

family history of breast cancer should ask their doctor for a

referral, though there is a possi-

bility that doctors will be asked

to search their records for such

patients, and send them letters

Women under 50 who have a

the insurers.

#### By JUDY SIEGEL

Next month, all four public health funds will start inviting women between the ages of 50 and 74 for a mammography. The screening program is being carried out on the instructions of the Health Ministry.

The National Health Insurance Law requires all the health funds to carry out free mammograms for the early detection of breast cancer among women in this higherrisk group. Although the law went into effect two-and-a-half years

ago, the health authorities are only implementing it now, as the insurers had claimed they weren't pre-

pared for the mass screening, Until now, over half a million women of all ages have undergone mammograms, but most did so after being referred by a physician or noting a suspicious lump. Now the health funds must send a personal letter to women 50-74. The health funds estimate that 60 percent to 70% of women receiving an invitation will go for a breast scan.

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leave the craft, according 10 regu-

lations. However, he also did not

instruct his navigator to go to the

aid of the victims. This was a

"total mistake" in judgment on his

The inquiry said the two medics

aboard the helicopter should also

have been sent out to aid Tzuriano and Rosenberg, but no one ordered them to do so.

The families had accused former

By BATSHEVA TSUR

"My feeling is that they wanted to finish off the white-

washing nicely," Haya Nussbaum, the mother of Assaf

Rosenberg, said, apparently disappointed that former OC

air force Herzl Bodinger had

She was speaking after the

parents, accompanied by attor-

ney Eliad Shraga, met with

Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen.

for five years," Nussbaum said, adding that Shahak admitted

that, if a more thorough inves-

tigation had been conducted at

the time of the accident, the

long drawn-out process could

"We had our blood sucked

not been reprimanded.

Amnon Lipkin-Shahak.

OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. (res.) Herzl

part, the inquiry determined.

#### By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and Itim

The report of the fourth official inquiry into the deaths of two airmen in a night-time training accident five years ago may finally put an end to a five-year push by the bereaved families to see those

responsible punished. But the 146-page report, which was presented to the families of Gil Tzuriano and Assaf Rosenberg, could not unequivocally say what caused the helicopter cable to snap and send them failing to their deaths.

It did find that the flight technician, Master-Sgt. M, should face disciplinary charges or a court mar-tial. It also said that the commander of the air force rescue unit at the time, Lt.-Col. A, and the helicopter squadron commander, Col. S, be given an administrative reprimand. Lt.-Col. A acted in contravention of regulations by bolding a rescue training exercise without the safeguards appropriate to the level of difficulty, the inquiry found. The exercise was the first of its kind and the trainees were inexperienced but they did not receive proper briefing, said the report.

Similarly, it found that Col. S violated procedure by failing to run through the exercise first during the day.

The board of inquiry, appointed by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, was headed by Dr. Eliyahu Vinograd, a civilian, and included Maj-Gen. (res.) Rafael Vardi and Brig-Gen. (res.) Nehemia Dagan. Since December, the inquiry interviewed over 70 witnesses After the accident, the pilot of

#### BACKGROUND

### A precedent-setting inquiry

#### By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The IDF last year agreed to allow an external commission of inquiry to investigate previous inquiries into the 1992 training accident, as well as the accident itself. The commission, which was the first external commission to investigate a military accident, was agreed

upon by the IDF and the bereaved parents following the parents' petition to the High Court of Justice. Airmen Gil Tzuriano and Assaf Rosenberg fell to their deaths when their air force rescue helicopter's cable snapped during a drill. After two military boards of inquiry reached conflicting conclusions about the accident's causes, the parents demanded the establish-

ment of an external commission. In an unprecedented move, the IDF agreed. However, it wanted the commission's mandate restricted to the causes of the accident, while the families also wanted the committee to look into possible wrongdoing during the inquiry process itself.

cause of the accident.

have been prevented.

and the attitude of the IDF and

the air force toward the

bereaved parents. They decid-

ed to take action against four of

the people involved, but they

to decide whether further

He said that the families plan

didn't go all the way."

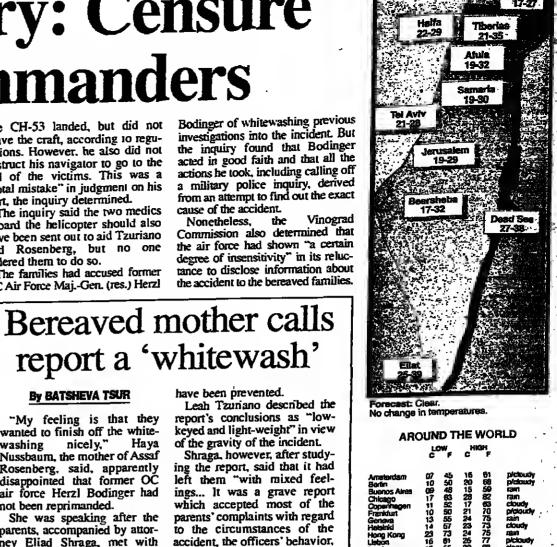
action should be taken.

report a 'whitewash'

Nonetheless, the

For instance, the families said, it is highly suspicious that then-OC Air Force Herzl Bodinger set up a second inquiry committee – whose findings com-pletely contradicted those of the first – immediately after the High Court issued a show-cause order on the families' earlier petition against the IDF's refusal to prosecute various military personnel. The contradictory findings were the main reason no one was prosecuted.

Following court-ordered negotiations on the subject, the IDF agreed that the commission be authorized to examine any aspect of the accident or subsequent investigation that it deems necessary. In exchange, the parents agreed to withdraw a complaint they had filed with the police against Bodinger, and to accept the committee's conclusions as final.



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In yesterday's daily Chance drawings, the winning cards were the jack of spades, 7 of hearts, 10 of diamonds, and 8 of clubs, and the 8 of spades, 8 of hearts, king of diamonds, and 10 of clubs.

### MKs star-gaze at Knesset

#### By LIAT COLLINS

Even the astrologers invited to a discussion by the Knesset Science and Technology Committee entitled: "Astrology - a proven sci-ence?" did not predict the depths of emotions the topic would raise.

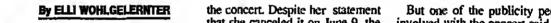
The discussion was chaired by Dalia Itzik (Labor) and held at the initiative of Avi Yehezkel (Labor) who recently raised the subject in a parliamentary query to the Science Ministry. Astrologer Ban Pecker, who

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arrived late, having apparently failed to foresee the traffic jams, said that top politicians, including logical predictions. Yehezkel said that half the country reads newspaper boroscopes and many also "read" coffee grinds. "Some of my best friends are among them," he said. He added that the Science Ministry had answered his question by informing him that astrology is not a science. The discussion soon deteriorated into an argument among the astrologers themselves and between them and the MKs and scientists present. Prof. Zvi Mazeh, the head of Tel Aviv University's Astronomy and Astrophysics Department, said astrology is not a science but that those ho deal in it are not charlatans. "But there is nothing in the theory that the stars affect individuals," he said. Herzl Lipshitz, an astrologer, said even the Lubavitcher Rebbe had invited him to a discussion on astrology. But Prof. Ariel Cohen, from Hebrew University's Atmospheric Science Department, said that astrologers themselves do not believe in the horoscopes they publish. The committee decided to examine whether or not to require publications to print a cautionary note above horoscopes.





Rock singer Sinead O'Connor has canceled her concert that had been scheduled for Saturday night at Jerusalem's Sultan's Pool, either because of death threats received here - as the singer and the concert's organizers maintain - or because of what Mayor Ehud Olmert said was poor ticket sales.

"Once I was made aware that a threat had been issued, I immediately [last Monday, June 9] canceled my appearance," the singer said in a statement. "I am the mother of two young children; I will not do anything that could icopardize their future, my own safety and the safety of the musicians and crew that work with me."

The concert was planned as the climax to five days of political and cultural events sponsored by leftwing groups of Israeli and Palestinian women, under the title: Sharing Jerusalem: Two Capitals for Two States."

It was unclear yesterday when O'Connor had actually canceled

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that she canceled it on June 9, the statement was not faxed to Israel until Friday, and concert organizers said they were not informed of the decision until Sunday night.

Sinead O'Connor cancels concert

The Irish ambassador here tried to calm her down," said Daphne Golan, director of Bat Shalom, the Israeli women's group. "He talked to her agent in England and tried to tell him that everything was under control. We only received the press release yesterday. Her agent here said he talked to her since then [June 9] and it was only Sunday that she actually canceled it. This

whole story is very strange." The debate over why she canceled was fueled by Olmert yesterday morning in a radio interview, in which he called the festival a "provocation" and "anti-Israel propaganda." Olmert maintained that it was poor ticket sales that forced the concert's cancellation.

"It appears the people of Israel are smarter and more responsible," he said. "They simply didn't buy tickets."

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involved with the concert said that the concert was "pre-paid," meaning that the sponsoring groups had pledged to cover all costs no matter how many tickets were sold. Concert organizers, moreover, said that between 2,000 and 3,000 tickets had been sold, even though ads promoting the concert only began appearing on Friday.

"On Sunday we were swamped with calls," said Gina Benevento, associate producer of the week's events. "Almost all of the tickets [that were sold] were sold that day, so it was a really good day and it was building. This is a rock concert, and many people buy tickets the last week."

Olmert's spokesman Haggai Elias said the group had lied to the city over the nature of the event, and had reneged on a signed agreement that the event would not be political in nature.

"Even then, the mayor decided not to cancel it, because he knows that the moment he cancels it, tomorrow in [New York's] Central Park there will be a big event with 100,000 people saying that in Jerusalem they canceled a concert." Benevento said nothing was mis-

represented by the organizers. "The slogan 'Sharing Jerusalem: Two Capitals for Two States' is pretty clear what we are about," she said.

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